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THE EPISCOPAL COMMITTEE

The First Aggressive Measure Toward Greater Means

Of Self-defense—The Original Object Should be Held Sacred—The Press A Great Factor in Justice.

As civilization has advanced, both the power and the freedom of the press have increased. The press represents the people and it is from the people that there must always come the righteous sentiment, before which prevailing evils hide their faces and flee away. From the president down to the humblest public servant, all are more or less careful to read the papers in order that they may know the will of the people. Public sentiment may not be outraged with impunity so long as we have a righteous and free press. It is clearly impossible for the Afro-American to build up, within the borders of free America an institution the officers of which shall be entirely independent of the people. There was a time when we were too poor and too ignorant to have and sustain a press; there was a time when the notions of liberty held by the people were very vague; there was a time when the people simply submitted to what was done by their leaders; there was a time when the few existing papers were so dependent upon the leaders and were run by editors of such inferior manhood that they were merely organs of the leaders. But those times are past. We now behold a better day. There are at least a half dozen able papers which reach so wide a circle and are edited by men of such high character that they can and do stand out for the right. Big men are now criticized when they need to be. Their threats, bluster, and direful resentment do not intimidate, but simply hasten the doom which obstinacy in evil must always meet.

The position of greatest trust, responsibility, influence, and dignity now open to us is the Bishopric of the great A. M. E. Church. In the hands of no other Afro-Americans is lodged so much power. Until lately the Bishops were never called to account for the manner of exercising their power. Many can remember how commonly a protesting preacher was silenced by hearing his Bishop say, "I give you your bread and butter." Many can remember what fate frequently befell the preacher who did not hush. Such a regime could not fail to produce many sycophants and drive away many true men. However, not all preachers became sycophants. Many saw the uselessness of remonstrance and sullenly closed their mouths and waited. The creation of the "Episcopal Committee" was the first aggressive measure toward greater means of self-defense. The growth and development of the presiding elder system had already forced the bishops to share their power with another class. Naturally these two powerful classes, bishops and presiding elders, came together and the preacher was still left out.

The general conference fell into the hands of the presiding elders. Then the "Episcopal Committee" fell into the same hands. Time after time poor preachers who had been most shamefully wronged have come up to the general conference seeking redress but the instances of success are rare. The preachers and the people are now more intelligent and the progress of the times has thrown into their hands a powerful means of self-defense, viz: the press. The press is not the organ of the preachers nor is it the foe of the rulers, but it is the exponent of the people. Through it the people may be appealed to. He who has a righteous cause may hope to win the support of public sentiment. But the press has a higher mission than that of trying causes. It is the great popular educator. By its means the people come to know their institution and themselves. I am not an agitator, but my object in writing is to bring before the people important phases of their institutions and important points relating to the character and conduct of their servants.

In relation to the "Episcopal Committee" I have this to say: Its original object should be held sacred. Past events show that in order to do this, its power must be turned into another direction. No committee of preachers is as competent to lay out a plan for episcopal supervision as would be the board of bishops. The power to do this offers temptations to do certain things which some men have not been able to resist. Some of the bishops have acted perfectly fairly and have kept their hands off, while it is undoubtedly a fact that other bishops have not done so. This is an injustice to the bishops. A certain candidate for the bishopric has already begun to solicit men to vote for a certain man as chairman of that committee. What is his object? Bearing in mind past events with which he is connected, there can be but one interference. The "Episcopal Committee" should be preserved as a body before which questions of administration can be reviewed, and before which preachers and people may make known their wants. In short, it should possess all of its present power except that of forming episcopal districts and making appointments thereto. The rights of the people demand that the Episcopacy be permitted to exercise its full function and only require that it be held accountable for how it does exercise its rights and use its power.

The bishops are the head of the church, and the power and dignity of their office must be preserved and respected and they should be made to feel absolute freedom to follow their own judgement in the execution of their trust, and should know no restraint save such as would arise from a certainty of punishment for doing wrong. They should not be exposed to any temptations to yield to presiding elders or others for the sake of securing a good district or avoiding a poor one. It should be in the power of no one to subject them to any serious inconvenience because of their faithfulness to duty. Yet it could be so that the humblest and weakest person under them could rest assured of being justly dealt by or certainly avenged. The safe-guards and the guarantees of equal and exact justice in the administration of the church should be as carefully considered as they are in the state. There was a day when any such talk as this was considered to be equal to an accusation. There are but few, at present, who are ignorant to the extent of making such a mistake. A business man takes no offense when you ask him for a receipt, for a note, or for a written contract, but an ignorant man would take snch a request as equal to an accusation against his honesty.

I know that there are a number of slanting headed fellows sitting around the foot of the thrones who are ever ready to leap up and declare that the bishop has been insulted. These ignorant guards have gotten many a bishop into trouble, but they have become so obnoxious, both to the bishops and the men that they are dieing out. A bishop is not much respected who fosters a set of tattlers, sychopants and pimps. The praise and friendship of such men brings its own penalty. The bishop is respected who sticks to the right and who has honest respect for the manly men of his conference.

Weakness, duplicity, vice, ignorance are all as despicable in a bishop as if seen in any one else, and no manly man will respect an unmanly one, no matter what may be his office. Our bishops who have been loved and honored won their high places by their own high character. Trickery or ignorance may exalt ignorance, but no power on earth can win for the exalted any other feeling than that of contempt. Crudeness, vulgarity, profanity, untidiness are odious and always will be. The time now is when the people freely show what they think on such subjects. They simply leave the churches where such obnoxious features exist. In such cases the vulgar always avenge themselves by heaping abuse upon the departed. To-day we are all wise enough to see the folly of that course and to see the wisdom of recognizing the demands of the people.

Most of our bishops consider the needs and condition of the churches in selecting pastors. A man wearing soiled linen, having dirty finger nails, foul teeth and bad odors would not be sent to a refined community. Neither would a man be sent to such a community whose antecedents were so low that he would seek and associate with the lowest persons of the place. Our bishops would select a man who, if possible, could out rank any person in the community, or at least who was fit to be at home with the best. None of our bishops, familiar with the conditions, would send a shouting preacher to one of our best and most refined charges. There are fewer failures made by pastors now than what there used to be and it is because the bishop pays more attention to the fitness of things. They have found out that the people must be considered as a part of the church.

The majority of the people demand that the pastor be a gentleman, as well as a christian, and they want to see him numbered with the most cultured people of the community. I have written all of the above to show how greatly in error was a writer signing himself "Layman" when he said: "Good men have but little chance for anything now in the church. If a good man does not give up his manhood and sacrifice all that is manly, or hold his peace, or purchase his way he will suffer the loss of all and will be relegated to the rear, that is the settled plan of bossism in the church." That is the exact opposite of what is now true. Now only good men have much chance. The bad, the weak, the ignorant are fast going to the wall The people are repudiating them. This is the process actually going on and it must be held in view if we want to see, in a true light, the present conditions. Giving this truth its logical place it is easy to take the correct view of the thousand and more instances where the wicked appear to flourish. We have some very bad men who are "way up" but they are coming down. The press and the enlightenment of the people is sapping the foundation upon which they stand "Layman" has every reason for his view if he forms his judgement from mere appearances, but he will reverse it if he seeks out the underlying truths.

There is a clearly defined issue confronting the church right now It is between the good and the bad. There are certain candidates for the bishopric who represent the evil just as surely as if they stood on an open and avowed platform. They seek election by trickery, by pandering to the ignorant and the vicious, by making deals, by seeking to influence appointments. When their evil doings are pointed out they lift up their hands, roll up their eyes and say: "That's slander, that's trickery.". Sometimes their acting is so skillful that they actually deceive innocent persons. The battle is on. It is a stern one; it will be hard fought.

The welfare of the church is at stake. There are some of us who are not only afraid but who are willing to risk everything in the fight. We will first appeal to public sentiment. We will seek the powerful aid of the press. We will call on the large majority of truly good men who are in the ranks. If we are out-witted, out-talked and over-powered by the adroitness of the wily enemy, then we will boldly get up on the conference floor and proclaim our cause and denounce the wicked. If we then fail our duty is done. The reaction of the forces of right will carry on the work, though we die. There is to be no compromise and no quarter. It is right or nothing. Men like Dr's. Embry, Shaffer, Jennifer, Armstrong, Derrick, Wade are men around whom will rally such a force of the good and upright that evil men and their backers must inevitably fall. Then there are a host of standard bearers of less age and note, but of noble character. Such men as Mixon, Cheek, Young, Gaines, Taylor, Downs, Moore, Robinson, Phillips, Coit, Cook, Collett, Lee, Roundtree and one hundred more of greater or less prominence and of excellent character and ability who could ably fill any office in the church.

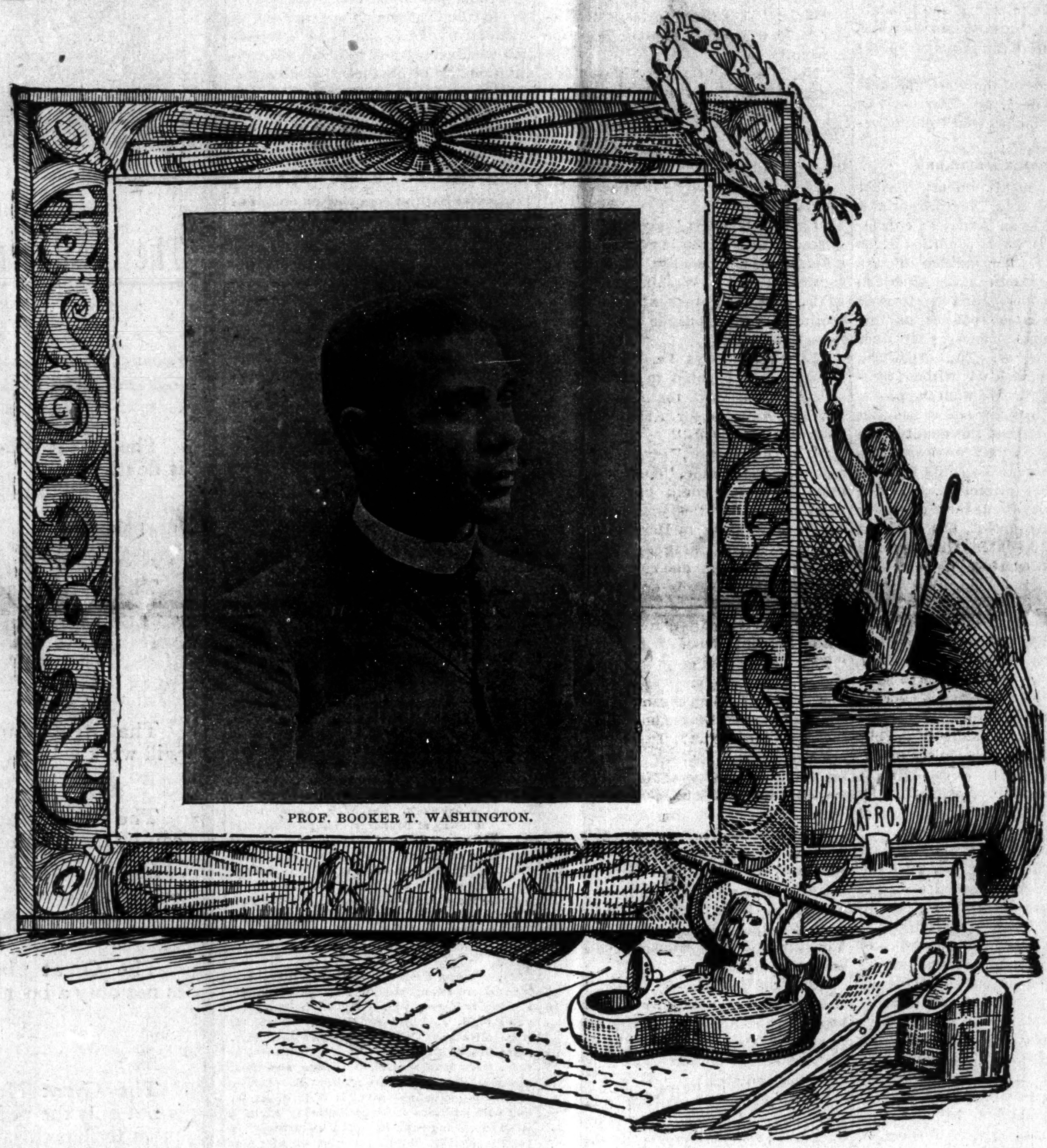
In conclusion, it has truly been said that many men who would make excellent bishops have not even been named. Why create confusion by naming them? It is wisest to pick out the men whose names have become prominent and give our support to the good men who are likely to be elected. We know that a number are hanging back with the crafty design of playing the dark horse. Their friends had better put them on exhibition and let the people look them over. No man with patches can hide them by keeping under cover and seeking to make a quick and sudden jump at the goal. His coat will fly up sure as shooting. We have got a hundred good and able men who could fill the office of bishop, but we have not more than two who have let the church see their fitness demonstrated. Timber for just such bishops as the best interests of the present demand is very scarce. Good timber is plentiful bust just the pieces now needed are at a premium. JOHN M. HENDERSON, M.D.

New York City.

Death's Doing.

Mineola, Tex., Special.

First class cotton is selling at 7 cents. Mrs. George Davis of Smith county has been very sick but is better. Henry Anderson has been very sick for three weeks. Rev. Andy Griffin's child died Sept. 19th. Board meeting will begin here Friday night and close Sunday night.



PROF. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

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Principal of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial

Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., Delivers an Address at the Opening of the Atlanta Exposition Sept. 18, '95.

Mr. President, Gentlemen of the Board of Directors and Citizens:

One third of the population of the South is of the Negro race. No enterprise seeking the material, civil or moral welfare of this section can disregard this element of our population and reach the highest success. I but convey to you, Mr. President and Directors, the sentiment of the masses of my race, when I say that in no way have the value and manhood of the American Negro been more fittingly and generously recognized, than by the managers of this magnificent Exposition at every stage of its progress. It is a recognition which will do more to cement the friendship of the two races than any oocurence since the dawn of our freedom.

Not only this, but the opportunity here afforded will awaken among us a new era of industrial progress. Ignorant and inexperienced, it is not strange that in the first years of our new life we began at the top instead of the bottom, that a seat in Congress or the State Legislature was more sought than real estate or industrial skill, that the political convention, or stump speaking had more attractions than starting a dairy farm or truck garden.

A ship lost at sea for many days suddenly sighted a friendly vessel. From the mast of the unfortunate vessel was seen the signal: "Water, water, we die of thirst." The answer from the friendly vessel suddenly came back, "Cast down your bucket where you are." A second time the signal, "Water, water, send us water," ran up from the distressed vessel and was answered. "Cast down your bucket where you are," and a third and fourth signal for water was answered, "Cast down your bucket where you are." The captain of the distressed vessel, at last heeding the injunction, cast down his bucket, and it came up full of fresh, sparkling water from the mouth of the Amazon river. To those of my race who depend on bettering their condition in a foreign land, or who underestimate the importance of cultivating friendly relations with the Southern white man who is their next door neighbor, I would say cast down your bucket where you are, cast it down in making friends in every manly way of the people of all races by whom we are surrounded.

Cast it down in agriculture, mechanics, in commerce, domestic service, and in the professions. And in this connection it is well to bear in mind, that whatever other sins the South may be called to bear, that when it comes to business pure and simple, it is in the South that the Negro is given a man's chance in the commercial world, and in nothing is the Exposition more eloquent than in emphasizing this chance. Our greatest danger is, that in the great leap from slavery to freedom, we overlook the fact that the masses of us are to live by the productions of our hands, and fail to keep in mind that we shall prosper in proportion as we learn to dignify and glorify common labor and put brains and skill into the common occupations of life; shall prosper in proportion as we learn to draw the line between the superficial and the substantial, the ornamental gewgaws of life and the useful. No race can prosper until it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem. It is at the bottom of life and not the top that we begin. Nor should we permit our grievances to overshadow our opportunities.

To those of the white race who look to the incoming of those of foreign birth and strange tongue and habits for the prosperity of the South, were I permitted, I would repeat what I say to my own race: "Cast down your bucket where you are." Cast it down among the 8,000,000 Negroes whose habits you know, whose love and fidelity you have tested in days when to have proved treacherous meant the ruin of your firesides. Cast down your bucket among these people who have without strikes and labor wars, tilled your fields, cleared your forests, built your railroads and cities and brought treasures from the bowels of the earth and helped make possible this magnificent representation of the progress of the South. Casting down your bucket, among my people, helping and encouraging them as you are doing on these grounds, and to education of head, hand, and heart, you will find that they will buy your surplus land, make blossom the waste places in your fields, and run your factories. While doing this you can be sure in the future, as you have been in the past, that you and your families will be surrounded by the most patient, faithful, law-abiding and unresentful people that the world has ever seen.

As we have proved our loyalty to you in the past, in nursing your children, watching by the sick bed of your mothers and fathers and often following them with tear dimmed eyes to their graves, so in the future in our humble way, we shall stand by you with a devotion that no foreigner can approach, ready to lay down our lives if need be, in defense of yours interlacing our industrial commerce, civil and religious life with yours in a way that shall make the interests of both races one. In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as a hand in all things essential to mutual progress. There

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CONDITION OF THE NEGRO.

Report Adopted by the Indiana A. M. E. Conference.

The Prejudice Against Color and Its Effect—Lawlessness In the South—Nicholson Law Approved—The Case of Counsul Waller.

The entire forenoon of Monday's session of the A. M. E. Conference was taken up with the consideration of the report of the committee on the state of the country. The report was as follows:

"To the Bishop and Conference:

"The American citizen has very much reason to feel thankful to the God of the universe for the bounteous blessings He has bestowed upon their country in the years that are past. War and famine are both strangers to our people at the present. Our country is at peace with all the nations of the earth. The Presiden is at his summer home with nothing to alarm him for the peace and honor of the great Nation which he has been called to rule. In most sections the crops have been made glad because of the early and the latter rain. Were it not for the curse of color prejudice that still exists in our country and the lawless spirit of the mob that reigns in some sections we could dismiss the consideration of the affairs of our country by simply saying peace and prosperity reigns.

"But, our race variety, notwithstanding its loyalty to the country in both war and peace, is having to contend with unjust discrimination in almost all parts of the land. American prejudice on account of color is a fearful crime against God and the race. In many parts of the South the 'Jim Crow' car law is in full blast and disgusting effect. The most refined colored lady or gentleman is forced to ride in the car known and designated as 'Colored Peoples' cars, and on many of the roads no care at all seems to be taken to provide any sort of decent accommodation for the race, though the same fare is demanded and collected. Our people, as a rule, have taken the treatment as a matter of course, and made little resistance. In a few instances lawsuits have been instituted, and in one or two they have been fought to the end, but it seems to have made little difference what the decisions, the treatment has continued the same.

"Your committee is firmly convinced that the one important thing the race should do is to cease tamely submitting to unjust treatment. While we do not counsel unlawful resistence to wrong, we do advise that every lawful means be used to maintain our rights as full-fledged American citizens. We must not rest till every law making discrimination on account of our color or previous condition be repealed. This we demand in both the South and the North. Color is a mere accident, and should no longer be made crimes. The colored American has proven by his wonderful thrift in the few short years of his freedom that he is a man in the full acceptation of the word. He has taken to education as no other people under the same circumstances have ever done. He came out of the house of bondage without a dollar, and has accumulated in thirty years nearly three hundred millions of taxable property. He has grown dissatisfied with the old log meeting-house, and has erected beautiful church edifices all over the country. The yelling and ranting in the pulpit has given way in most instances to deliberate argument and sensible preaching of the gospel. He has proven his fitness for American citizenship by every test to which he has been put, and is ready always to submit to whatever test is demanded of any other class of people; but he does ask that his worth, his merit and his attainments count the same as other people.

"The cruel mobs of many parts of our country demand that if crime has been charged or committed that the accused be shot or hung, and that afterward witnesses be heard and the guilt or innocence be determined. We do not countenance crime of any sort. We have no sympathy with the debauchers of women. We demand that every man who commits crime against woman be dealt with to the full extent of the law. All we ask for him is that he be shown to be guilty as the law directs before the punishment is meted out to him. No community that tolerates mob law will long escape the curse that follows the disregard of law. We express the deepest sympathy with our people who live in those sections of our country where human rights are lightly esteemed. We would especially call the attention of the whole country to the outrage that is being in process of committal in the state of South Carolina. The constitutional convention soon to assemble in that state for the express purpose of disfranchising a majority of the citizens thereof is an outrage that should be condemned by the civilized world. The curse of the righteous God will yet fall with terrible results upon a people so lost to every sense of justice and right. We approve of the efforts being made by the most active of our people of South Carolina to avert the threatened disfranchisement, and will pray God to find the way for their success.

"We approve most heartily of the Nicholson law, enacted by the last General Assembly of our state, and call upon all law-abiding people in all parts of the state to aid, in so far as they can the enforcement of the law. The law respected and obeyed would greatly lessen crime in the state, and would do, much to build up happy homes all around us. Without trying to dictate as to what party our Christian people should be allied, we urge all to take such part in the political affairs of the state and country as to overbalance the influence of the wicked and vicious elements who never fail to be active in politics. 'Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's, is a duty now, as it was a duty when Christ, the Lord, uttered the words. We pray the blessings of heaven upon our land and country, and trust the time is near at hand when the golden rule shall obtain everywhere.

"We cannot close our report without calling your attention to the case of our fellow citizen, John Waller, a man of education and character, who is now held as a prisoner by the French government, and who is undergoing a sentence of twenty years hard labor. Your committee considers the treatment awarded our fellow countryman to be an outrage, and would request the State Department at Washington to use its good offices for his immediate release as for an American citizen.

T. W. HENDERSON.
N. L. BRAY.
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G. H. WHITE.
B. J. COLEMAN.

The Rev. Drs. Embry, of Philadelphia; Hurley, of Boston, and Derrick, of New York, were the principal speakers on the report.

In the remarks of the three speakers named, when Benjamin Harrison was referred to the name evoked enthusiastic applause.

DR. DERRICK'S REMARKS

Dr. Derrick, in his remarks, said: "I am not here as a Negro, nor as a white man, but as an American citizen. This report is not on the condition of the Negroes but on the condition of the country. We do not want the American people to consider that we form a kitchen corner in the politics of this country. Whatever concerns the other people concerns us. The American people cannot punish us without punishing themselves. We want the people of this country to know and to feel that we were at the birth of this country, the creation of this Nation; we were at its redemption; we shall be at its funeral, its burial and its resurrection. For these reasons we do not discus these questions from a racial standpoint, but from an American standpoint. Our enemies would have us consider ourselves as aliens in our native land. We rejoice in the condition of the country from a moral standpoint. The conscience of the American has under-gone a change in the past thirty years. It was at the time customary for the master to have one wife in the great house and another wife in the Negro yard. It was the custom to have white babies in the big house and speckled babies in the cabin. All that is changed. So we have a right to speak of the improvement in the moral status of the American people. There has alse been a great change on the subject of liquor selling and liquor drinking. In the city of New York the great Parkhurst has crushed vice, and morality and respectability are now in the ascendancy."

Dr. Derrick spoke of the cowardice of the white ministers in not standing up for the rights of colored men. He spoke at length of the great advance made by the race in education and said: "Give us a chance in positions as teachers and in other places that we can fill. You educate our boys and girls and when we ask you to let them work you say no. So it's no use to teach a boy Latin and Greek if you have to send him out to earn his living at blacking boots and grooming horses. We are charged with complaining. We have reason to complain. If a white minister wants to know the reason of our complaints let him get into our bodies and he will find what it is to have a cultured mind and a converted soul pressed up in black flesh. He will come near to thinking himself in hell."

The report of the committee was adopted.

News and Notes.

Water Valley, Miss., Special.

This city is one of the most progressive cities in Mississippi. The population is about 4,500. Water Valley is located in the northern part of the state on the main line of the I C. R. R., giving it train connection North, East, West and South. It is the end of one division and has the shops of the I. C. Railroad located there. It has electric lights and water works. The public school commenced Monday. Day session, send your children. Prof. William is teacher. Miss Lizzie Green returned from Torrant Sunday where she has been attending the Missionary meeting. Rev. B. J. Davis is holding a revival meeting at Koscakas, Miss. Begin to prepare for winter. The warm weather caused a great deal of sickness here Mr. J. H. Goodwin returned from Vicksburg Saturday. Mr. Thumond preached at I. C. Chapel Sunday at 11 and 8 p. m. Mr. Joe Cuny and Miss Nancie Flimer was married at her home, Charleston, Sept. 10th, at 11 o'clock and returned to Water Valley on Wednesday evening at 6:45 p. m.

INTERVIEWED DR. DERRICK.

Favors McKinley for President, Although an Admirer of Harrison.

The Only Colored Guest Invited to Attend the Banquet in Honor of the Ex-President—Favors Mixed Schools.

On attending the late A. M. E. conference a reporter of The Freeman met and accosted Dr. W. B. Derrick, thus:

"Doctor, I see that you think the morality of the country is going upwards."

"O, yes" he says, "I said as much the other day before the conference. I said there was a time when the white men used to have two wives; one at the big house and one in the cabin. He had two sets of children; one set white, and one speckled set. Now this is not the case."

"Well, Doctor," says the reporter, "I heard your lecture the other night on the missionary question, and I was astonished at the agility of your mind from a geographical stand point."

"Yes," says he, "that was my forte when a boy, geography, history and oratory."

"Well Doctor," says the reporter, "Bishop Arnett is on record as having a presidential preference. May I not ask of you, your favorite?"

"O, yes," says he, "I am a McKinleyite as Arnett is."

"What," says the reporter, "and living in New York. I supposed you for Morton."

"No," says the Doctor, "Morton is a respectable man, but much too old."

"What about Mr. Platt?" the reporter ventured.

"Well," mused the Doctor, "Platt knows a thing or so."

"Now Doctor, why are you for McKinley?"

"I am for him first," says the Doctor, "because he believes in equal rights to all men, you remember," the Doctor continued, "that Washington C. H. affair, when the governor braved public sentiment, calling out the militia in defense of a Negro."

"I tell you," says he, "I like his energy—he is opposed to mobocracy."

"He," continued the Doctor, "believes in America for Americans. He is loyal to his friends."

"Why, my dear sir," says he, striking a picturesque attiude, "don't you know that McKinley could have had the nomination for the presidency. He simply gave away to Harrison. I tell you there is something due that man. There is something due any man who, like McKinley, cancels engagement in New Orleans flies back to Ohio to defend a poor trembling Negro charged with a heinous offence."

The Doctor having grown eloquent and also warm, time was allowed for him to cool off. Then began the irrepressible reporter. "Doctor how are you on the school question? I see the conference has adopted a report which favors the perpetuity of Negro teachers in mixed schools or have none of them mixed."

"I," says the Doctor, "am one of the first to raise this question in New York. I am a West Indian by birth, but my life has been devoted to the advancement of the Negro's cause in this country. I helped blaze the way in New York for amalgamated schools and amalgamated teachers."

"How did you succeed Doctor," says this insatiable, "Why we went to the legislature and demanded that laws be so enacted that there might be no misunderstanding about it. The thing was accomplished."

"How many teachers have you in the mixed schools?" asks the reporter, "six or seven," was the reply. If the sentiment of a community shut out colored teachers what would you recomend? "Keep what you have," says the Doctor.

The reporter was about to leave. "Remember," says the Doctor, "that I have a high regard for the little gentleman from your state—Gen. Harrison, although I am for McKinley. I made thirty-five speeches for Harrison; worked hard for him, and can boast that out of the three thousand five hundred invitations to the great banquet tendered him in New York, I was the only Negro invited."

TILLMANISM.

Danger Ahead for the Republic, and Especially for the Negro.

BY CÆSAR A. A TAYLOR.

South Carolina seems to be the gateway from hell up through which come the imps of infernaldom and pestilences to afflict the nation. Be it remembered 1st. That John C. Calhoun entered America by way of South Carolina; 2nd. That, John C. Calhoun was the arch nullifier; 3rd. That Calhoun resigned the United States Vice Presidency under President Andrew Jackson, and was elected to the United States Senate to more successfully defend (against the national administration) his doctrine of state's rights and nullification. 4th. That the collection of United States customs, dues, etc., was by the influence of Calhoun hindered at the port of Charleston, S. C. 5th. That the late war was precipitated by rebel traitors firing upon Fort Sumpter, opposite Charleston, S C. 6th. That South Carolina seceded from the Union. 7th. Be it remembered that Calhounism ceased not until the North and South paid to each alike a fearful price in blood and treasure expiating a great crime and wiping out a national stain. 8th. Be it remembered that the Hon. Benjamin Tillman of South Carolina has demonstrated himself to be the most astute politician that has come to the front from the South since the days of John C. Calhoun

First, Mr. Tillman as the leader of the grange or farmer's alliance movement in South Carolina brought about the disorganization of the democracy in that state. 2nd. He was elected to the State Senate where he wielded an influence, shaping legislation and moulding a public sentiment which finally landed him into the governor's chair; 3rd, from his advent into public affairs in South Carolina his astuteness as a politician and leader of men is seen in that he has exercised every vantage of ground by way of getting into position when he could best make practical his ideas of government to the end of cringing about white supremacy; 4th, in each position he has accomplished his purpose, and at the same time laid plans for the accomplishment of other purposes. And now his ultimate aim seems evident, as appears that while as governor of South Carolina he outlined in his mind the closing act in the drama of "White Supremacy." Having his lieutenants well trained and drilled, he secures the governorship and the legislature to them, and goes himself an elected Senator to the National Congress, so as (evidently) to be on hand and in a position to advantageously defend the constitutionality of his recently submitted plan to disfranchise the Negro voting of South Carolina, thus hoping to perpetuate his ultimate aim, "White Supremacy." Let the Nation beware!

MEETING OF THE EAST

Tennessee Baptist Association and Sunday School Convention.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.

The Sons of Veterans took the city Saturday. The monstrous procession marched out Gay street on Sunday. The East Tennessee Baptist Association and Sunday-school convention was held at Guildfield Baptist church last week. Rev. J. C. Richardson, the pastor, entertained the messengers and delegates, The officers of the association are Revs. C. C. Russell, president; P. Gwinn, J. C. Richardson, and F. Fame vice presidents; Rev. H. N, Hutcherson and W. Jones secretaries. The Sunday school convention was called to order Saturday morning by Rev. Hutcherson. It was organized by electing Revs. H. N. Hutcherson and J. C. Richardson presidents and Mr. Blair secretary. They had a pleasant time and no doubt remains but what they accomplished some good. Their report on education was a good and strong one. Rev. P. Gwinn of Massey Creek seems to be the champion of education in the association. Mrs. Dr. J. B. Anderson has been giving a series of concerts in and around the city to the satisfaction of all who hear her, She accompanied Mr. Louden on his tour around the world. Our public school opened Monday. Prof. J. W. Manning, principal of the Austin High School, Prof. Dickson principal King School and Prof. Cabbs of Fairview Schools. The Cantata Jeptha given at Logan Temple, Thursday and Friday nights, under the management of Prof. Manning, was a literary and Bible Fete. Dr. Edwards has furnished and greatly beautified his office. A reception was tendered Rev. Mrs. Young Monday night at the Cosmopolitan Hall, Clinton street, by a few friends. Rev. W. G. Parks took in the G. A. R. encampment at Louisville last week. Rev. W. T, Marley held a Basket meeting at Branch Hill September 8th, Rev. Gaither of Concord is in the city. He is building a church at Lenair City, Tenn. Rev. J. D. Jay, M. D., opened an office on Mobery street this week, where he will be pleased to have his many friends call. Dr. W. W. Derrick moved into his neat and new office on Mobery street last week. Mrs. Amanda Romans and daughter are residing at 209 Dedrick street.

Mr. Houston Hamilton was called to Clinton Monday to attend the funeral of his uncle, Mr. Henry Forest, who died the 8th inst. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jones 408 Crucket street are sick. Miss Mary Carter is convalescent. Mrs. Anna Stocks is out after a severe spell of sickness. Mrs, Hargrove, Dale Avenue and Mrs. Speers Clinton street, are on the sick list. One of our colored penny-posts, Mr. W. L. Williams, met with a serious accident Saturday night a week ago, being run over by an electric car in West Knoxville. All the arteries of his right arm were severed and his body bruised. He is doing well. The Freeman extends it congratulation to Messrs. J. J. Gamble, James Leiper, and their better halves since they have joined the Benedicts. Rev. J. R. Riley, pastor of Ohio Presbyterian church this city, after an extended trip during his vacation through Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois, returned home last week, recuperated and highly pleased with his visit. Prof. R. E. Toomly of Greenville, Tenn., is in the city in attendance at the criminal court. He was the assistant prosecuting att'y in the case of the State vs. James Cummins, who was tried and convicted for the murder of Jas. Perry in 1893. The professor made one of the finest and best arguments it has been our pleasure to listen to in many a year. The social gleaners gave their first entertainment Thursday night. It was a literary treat and partook of solos, duetts, and recitations. The young people did themselves much credit. Messrs. A. H. Hassler and N. S. Clark are most energetic workers. In our next we will speak about the things sent by our people to the Atlanta Exposition. Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Mr E. E. Hawkins to Miss O. R. Thompson of Albany, Ga., September 18th, They will take in the exposition before coming home. Will be at home 217 McGhee street September 23rd. Mr. J. E. Jennings runs a first class barber shop on Gay street.

Appreciate Race Enterprise.

As an evidence that The Freeman is liked and appreciated by members of the race in the "Far West," as well as in the South, East and North, look at the following list of paid up subscribers sent us from our friend, M. C. Johnson of Cripple Creek, Col.: Rev. A. Wagner, P. W. Emerson, C. H. S. Johnson, Mrs. L. Devand, Mrs. America Simuals, Mrs. Francis L. Hunter, Miss M. Slaughter, W. A. Smith, Phoebe Hall, Mrs. Jennie Steele, Minnie Giessemon, Young Neeley, Cynthia Bowes, A. R. Jones, J. W. McCulloch and M. C. Johnson.

Camp Meeting.

Clarksville, Ark., Special.

A revival meeting has been held at this place nearly two weeks, Rev. J. W. Walker of Ft. Smith preached two nights but complained of being somewhat ill. He was compelled to return home.

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CHAPTER V—THE FEMALE VICTIM OF THE PLOT.

> "Fair as a lily; smart as a bee,
> Joy of her country home was she.
> Every one that knew her, felt the gentle power
> Of Rosie, the prairie flower."
>
> —Old Ballad.

Martha Jane Wright was a school teacher, an Afro-American, a quadroon, and as pretty as a well painted master work of an artist. She was eighteen years old at the time our story begins. Her mother died when Martha was ten years old, leaving her to the care of an uncle and aunt, the bachelor brother, and old maid sister of her mother. These two old people from some cause best known to themselves had never married. When their younger sister died they adopted her daughter Martha. Ever since she could remember she had heard that her father was "dead." Her Uncle Bill always addressed her as "my daughter," and spoke of her as "my gal," and was far more devoted to her than her father would have been had he lived, or was, if the report that he was dead was untrue. When Martha was fourteen years old she was a bright scholar, far in advance of her schoolmates in Beaconville township —— county, Va., where she lived. A few weeks after she had been

> "Standing with reluctant feet
> Where the brook and river meet,"

a white man with refined and educated bearings—a stranger who gave his name as Dr. Thos. Jefferson Sykes, called at her home and informed her Uncle Bill that he had taken "unusual interest in the girl" during his short stay in the township, and was willing to educate her, and pay her way through a course at Hampton. Martha's Uncle Bill had always wished, hoped, and prayed that she would some day be a school teacher. He looked upon the doctor's visit and offer, as a special act of Providence. The offer was accepted by Uncle Bill without consulting either Martha or her aunt or asking or learning what actuated the doctor to educate the girl.

She spent three years at Hampton, the doctor paying all bills. She graduated at the head of her class and was the salutatorian of the same. She returned home where she taught the Beaconsville district school. All the country beaux at once "sot their caps" for her, and several of her older boy pupils imitated the example of the young men. Soon all the young men of the country in general and Beaconville in particular placed in the hands of the gossips the information that they were "courting the school teacher, old man Bill Jones' niece." The rumor at last reached the ears of the said "old man Bill Jones," and he resolved to take heroic measures to convince his would-like-to-be-nephews-in-law that they did wrong in putting out this false report. The mode of "courtship" of these Beaconsville swains was very simple. They would call in twos, threes and fours upon "Old man Bill Jones" of a Sunday night, file in A LA Indian, sit down in a row upon a long bench in the kitchen, cast sheep's eyes at the fair Martha, and eyes of fear at her uncle. The more bold and daring ones would talk of the corn, cotton or tobacco crop, ask for their hats, say "good night ter yer all," and file out, telling everyone they met after they separated that "I jess come from ole man Bill Jones' house; spose yer knowed I'm courting Miss Martha, ther school teacher?"

One balmy and romantic Sunday night, a few weeks before our opening, three love-sick stripplings invaded Mr. Jones' castle just as his niece Martha was reading and explaining a difficult chapter in the Bible to him (It is well to say between the lines that Mr. Jones was preparing to be a local minister.) He had long been looking for an opportunity to curb in some way the love sickness of these would-be lovers. The hour had come, the man and the boys were not many miles away.

"Whose boy are you?" Uncle Bill asked the first youth.

"Tom Brock's," was the reply.

"Who are you?"

Number two replied, "Mrs. Cross' son."

"So you are Sister Sallie Cross' boy, hey! What's your name?"

"Tom Nash is my name, Uncle Bill."

"You live over the river—you're Brother Tom Nash's boy."

"Yesser."

"Well, now, I hear that you boys is goin' all over the country telling everybody, even the poor white folks and poor white trash that you's courting my gal, Miss Martha Jane, the school teacher. Do you 'spose we sent her out yonder to Hampton to be educated to come back here to marry you worthless no 'count fellows? Why ther's not a young man in this country now er days, white or black, fit for a blind crazy gal's husband or knows 'nough to bell a buzzard. Now, er few years ago it was different. I'm not stuck up as some folks say, and would jess as leave my gal married some one 'bout here when she do git married, but she'll have to wait for some of the babies in the cradle to grow. for there is the most no 'countest, good-for-nuthin' young young men in this place that I ever seed. Now, to make my words true—true as the Bible, there's you, Jack Cross—how in the world would you 'sport a wife when yer poor mother, Sister Sallie's got to 'sport you; why, you ain't did 'nough work on the farm in the past five years to pay for the salt in your yesteddy's bread and that ain't much. No less den yesteddy your mother said to me that she'd be better off if you was dead, and she wish you was dead too; and you Brock, boy, is wusser yet, and you, Tom Nash is wusser yet. Now, carn-sarn your skin! If I ever hear of you's goin 'bout the county tellin' folks you's courting gal, Miss Martha Jane, the school teacher again, I'll fill you all chock full of buck from head to foot. Do you understand?"

"Yesser."

"And," continued Uncle Bill as he reached for an old back number shot gun that had been out of commission since he was a boy long, long "fore the war." The gun could not (as its lock was gone, barrel filled with the rust of a generation of years, and stock almost gone) do much murdering. "I think I'll fill you peach orchard shotes full of buck shot now, carn-sarn your skins."

Uncle Bill snatched the old gun from its moorings over the door between the kitchen and the "setting room," and pointed it with seemingly murderous aim at his uninvited visitors.

Twenty pigs when excited will all strive to make their exit at the same time through a gateway only large enough for five with dangerous results to themselves. The young would-like-to-have-been nephews of Uncle Bill emulated the pigs; all three tried to depart at the same time through a door the carpenter and builder intended that only one very lean person at a time should pass. They left a part of their garments as a keepsake for the family, and to be convincing proofs for the skeptic that they "jess come from ole man Bill Jones' house courting Miss Martha the school teacher."

When they did clear the door-way they started down the lane towards the road at a speed that would put an up-to-date race horse to shame. Uncle Bill with the back number gun in hand was a close second.

"Carn-sarn your skins! Wait 'til I fill you full of buck shot! Wait I say!" But they waited not. Their tale of woe was soon known to all the would-be-lovers who elected Uncle Bill by a large majority to fill the chair of the meanest man in the Old Dominion State.

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ASPIRANTS FOR GENERAL

Offices Generally Defeated Candidates For the Bishopric.

As much canvassing is now going on through the colored press for the offices to be filled by the A. M. E. General Conference, which meets at Wilmington, N. C., next year, as for the presidential nominations by the two great political parties.

Rev. A. writes, endorsing Rev. B. and the friends of the latter return the compliment, and thus combinations are formed. The letters written with scarcely a single exception, are by ministers and the candidates are all of the same class. The point of view of their observation is entirely that of the minister with not a single plea in the interest of the people. In behalf of the laity of the church I suggest that it is time that they too should be considered. They furnish all the money to pay the salaries of the general officers and to their administration of temporal affairs in the various churches throughout the land much of the successful administration of the laws of the denomination is due. Without their co-operation in shaping the policies, devising the plans, and pushing the itinerant ministry, the pathway of the latter would be a rougher one than it is, with fewer compensations to sooth or to incite, to renew exertions. Now I contend that it is the part of wisdom, of sagacity and of forethought to consider the laity in the distribution of the general offices. For some of these places as much competency may be found in the pew as in the pulpit. Why then should the pew be discriminated against? Why? One controlling reason, though not a vowed one, for contending for the election of ministers, is that these places are stepping stones to the Bishopric

This plea is the strongest argument against the exclusive election of the clergy to all general offices. Defeated candidates are given the editorship of the Christian Recorder, the business managership or the financial secretary's position to placate their enthusiastic supporters, or, on the other hand, far-seeing scheming plotters make fights for and succeeded to these places, not because either they or their friends believe that they have any special fitness for these places, but solely because they will be in better position four or eight years hence to reach the acme of their ambition, the Bishopric.

What is the result of this policy? Instead of the duties being performed that conscientious fidelity to the interests involved, and in such a way as to insure the highest success, they are rendered prefunctorily. Instead of seeing the Christian Recorder of '95 as much in advance of that of '85, as the Christian Advocate of to-day is beyond that of ten years ago, we behold it in point of editorial force behind what it was when its editorials were frequently quoted in representative journals. Instead of being stronger financially it is as weak as when there were fewer readers in the A. M. E. constituency or the race in general. There is no reason why this should be so. If editors and publishers were selected because of their prospective fitness, the same progress characteristic of the race in other lines, where intellect and energy are prominent features, would show itself here. The importance of the work would be so apparent in the conduct of incumbents of these offices, that all the scheming would be too strong for their departments, not to desert them for other positions.

The A. M. E. Zion church has had its organ in the hands of a most capable layman and its Review is to-day edited by the same energetic, brilliant and capable journalist Has not the A. M. E. as qualified a layman? Has the A. M. E. church less valuation for its laity than its sister church has for Mr. John C. Dancy? There is the Department of Education, the Sunday-school work or the financial secretaryship, anyone of these could be as worthily filled by a layman as they are to-day. Let the men who aspire to the Bishopric promote their candidacy, if they must by their success in the pastorate. It is manifestly unfair that a General Conference should after electing its Bishops give defeated candidates inside tracks in the next race. Yet this is precisely what they do when they elect them as in the past to other general offices for which they have shown neither marked ability nor more than a momentary ambition.

Yours for justice,
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Endowment Day.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Special.

The Eleventh Endowment Day of the A. M. E church was observed by the Methodist Sabbath schools of this city. At St John A. M. E. church the exercises were quite commendable and Prof. W Townsend deserves much praise for the able manner in which he is conducting the Sabbath school. A dialogue, "Twelve Foundations," was rendered very nicely by twelve little girls. Rev. H. H. King preached a very able sermon in the evening, subject, "Four Great and Good Men—Their Educational Work," referring to Bishops Payne, Campbell, Ward and John M. Brown. The church was thronged with people and the speaker was at his best. The Grand Lodge session of the United Brothers of Friendship convened here last week. There were many delegates present. A grand reception was tendered the delegates on Wednesday evening by the lodges of Pine Bluff. The public schools opened Monday. Prof. S. W. Crump made a flying trip to Camden and Texarkana. Dr. John H. Young, Supreme Grand Chancellor of Knights of Pythias of Arkansas, has returned home. The doctor expresses himself as being greatly impressed and highly pleased with the National meeting at St. Louis. Lawyer A L. Burnett is one of the best jurists in Arkansas. He is the acknowledged leader in the legal profession in Pine Bluff. Prof. J. C. Corbin is one of the best educators in the South. Prof. J. C. Smith is the musical king of Arkansas.

Song Service Program.

Ft. Smith, Ark., Special.

A. M. E. church Sunday Sept. 15th. The Program of the song service was not as lengthy as usual and the audience was smaller, but those who attended were highly entertained. The audience frequently demonstrated their appreciation of the exercises by the hearty applause given to the numbers on the program. Rev. Walker repeated the Lord's prayer, song by the choir, Miss Maggie Arrington read the program of the last meeting. Phil. Rowlins' address to the young folks was eloquent, logical and forceful. He spoke at times in Latin and French. Miss Willie Burnie, with a voice like a nightingale, sang a solo. Miss Claude Price read a touching and beautiful poem. An instrumental duet by Misses Mary Lewis and Daisy Bell was skillfully performed and proved to be highly entertaining. W. A. Douglass delived a masterly address on "Our Commerce," and in an eloquent way advocated the great principles of reception as set forth by the lamented Blair. Song by the choir was followed by select reading by Miss Pepco Edwards. Prof. Wiley sang a solo after which B. F. Kane, president, made a few well chosen remarks. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Walker.

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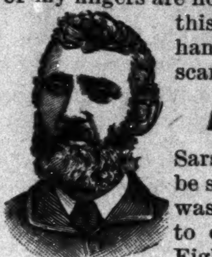

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MR. GRANT S. NEAL is now traveling through the State of Texas in the interest of The Freeman, and any favors shown him will be appreciated by the publisher. His work in Arkansas indicates that the Negroes in that State are intelligent and know a good thing when they see it.

BISHOP TURNER AND DR. BLYDEN.

In our issue of the 14th inst., Rev. J. M. Henderson of New York makes a series of statements concerning the reputation of Bishop Turner as an attraction on the lecture platform and in the pulpit. We take issue with the gentleman and feel as Bishop Turner replies, that were he 500 men he could not fill all the engagements he is called upon to fill. THE FREEMAN thinks that Blyden does not mean to put so great a gulf between, as the reverend gentleman imagines. We do not think the Bishop needs our defense, for we know him to be an intellectual giant, Yet we must speak in this matter, since THE FREEMAN has been more or less responsible for the utterance of the views of the pros and cons on this subject. We have never thought the theory of Bishop Turner pernicious. We have always thought that he had his views relative to the betterment of his people. We do not think now that those views, which are not even peculiar to Bishop Turner, are to be the shillalah for his death. We can not see why this man should suffer in any way for asserting his manhood. It is a fact that liberty shorn of a single feature, common to liberty enjoying races, is not liberty—simply toleration—existence. The wise people of this country see no viciousness in this doctrine. They simply opposed going to Africa. The Bishop has well said they could go or stay as they saw fit. Now as to THE FREEMAN'S opinion of his drawing qualities, it can safely say that because of that very fact his advocacy of immigration to Africa has secured to him the largest reputation of any man in America. Even Ingersoll with his doctrine is followed by greater throngs than any living American, This ought to effectually refute the attempt to say a man must suffer on the account of an innocent belief. We can't see what Blyden gains by endeavoring to divorce himself from the ideas of Bishop Turner. If Henderson is correctly reported, he says so. We see nothing in the childish confession that Bishop Turner has routed everyone on the subject except Blyden. We see no policy in paving the way for Blyden's success with the skull and cross-bones of Turner Henderson says: "After having begun by disassociating himself from Bishop Turner, he makes a second bid for respect by ridiculing the attempt of Dr. C. S. Smith to write a book on Africa." THE FREEMAN does not mean to be bellicose, but just what respect could accrue to Dr. Blyden through such actions we can not see. Why scoff at at Dr. C. S. Smith's book? The doctor gave his observation perhaps as he observed. He did not, it may be, go to build the pyramids so he possibly does not discuss them. He gave doubtless what an interested observer might be expected to give in the time given. Since he takes takes no issue with what the doctor says a little discriminating silence on the subject would have been better.

Unless the reverend gentleman desires a wordy combat we cannot imagine what he means by saying the Bishop's mind is not evenly balanced, etc. Henderson says Blyden has very little respect for Afro-Americans. A fool or a knave are hard terms, but somebody in this case comes near filling the measure. We hope this is not a hippodrome set up for Blyden. It seems so, or Henderson's respect for the church would demand a speedy abdication

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The constitutional convention of South Carolina is full of trouble. The perplexing problem of disfranchising the Negro, and by a political syncopation, preserve the ballot to about 14,000 whites is up for consideration. But the 14,000 illiterate whites is where the rub comes. This convention, blind to the justice due the Negro is busily engaged in trying to patch up a truce with this 14,000. The News and Courier thinks that these illiterate whites should be allowed to vote until they make themselves competent to vote, by coming up to the requirements of the proposed law within a given time. At the expiration of said time, if incompetent through inability to come up to the requirements, it is to be held that they disfranchise themselves. In pursuance of this scheme it has this to say:

> "We submit, however, for the consideration of the leaders in question and of all concerned that the pledge in question should not be so construed as to prevent the convention from imposing a reasonable educational or other qualification, to take effect after a reasonable time, which the illiterate white voters can easily comply with if they really value and desire to retain the right to vote. There is a plain difference between disfranchising these voters by a requirement adopted by the convention, to take effect at once, without giving them the opportunity to qualify themselves by reason of their indifference to the voting privilege and failure to conform to a wholly reasonable requirement. The polls should not be left open forever to ignorance in this state, even to white ignorance, because fourteen thousand white men have not now an educational qualification that is posessed by thousands of colored children under ten years of age. It is too much to ask that these men shall be protected in the right to vote by means that deprive all the rest of the white citizens of the state of protection from the evils of Negro suffrage or that compel them to resort to fraud and dishonesty or intimidation for their protection. The right of the fourteen thousand to vote should be sacrificed at once, undoubtedly, for the good of the greater number and all of the white citizens of the state, but as this sacrifice is impracticable, under the pledges by which the majority of the convention is bound, the next best thing is the plan we have suggested: Allow the illiterates to vote, as promised, until they shall have had full time to qualify themselves to vote on the same basis with their fellow-citizens. If they do not qualify themselves in that time they will be disfranchised by their own negligence and indifference to their rights, not by the action of their fellow-citizens or any of them."

A PLEA FOR HIS RACE.

Prof. B. T. Washington in his speech at Atlanta, has won for himself and for the race a higher position in the minds of the Caucasian. This speech, the greatest of all delivered, bids fair to become the platform of the Negro race—the greatest because the most significant. Great as the speech was, yet behind the speech stood he who made it—still greater—the man. What wonderful equipoise of mind and judgement rare, to have made a speech with no offensive words for whites nor blacks. Thousands have scanned this speech already in order to discover an astute trimmer or a despised toadyist. But to the praise of Mr. Washington he may be pronounced a profound philosopher—a student of the sociological, industrial and political sides of the question, and a diplomat to the manor born. Hear him when he says the Negro began at the top. He held offices, legislated and governed when he wore swaddling clothes. The student of the World's History can find no complaint in utterances of this kind. Such evolution is contrary to nature and civilized governments. The Atlanta Constitution commenting on his speech advances this truth:

> "The Negro can only be advanced as he deserves to be advanced. While he may have temporary success as a politician in an abnormal period, he must surely find his proper level, and his proper level is that which he has won, and must win, by the work of his hands and brain."

We of the North generally accept the decrees of the South with a mental reservation, but who will find fault with the above dictum? The Constitution is not supposed to issue canonical bulls, yet what can the Negro of the South, North, East or West hope for better than to advance as he deserves? If the South is sincere in this instance we will also say the race problem is in rapid solution. It says again:

> "This is the test after all, and Professor Washington is wise to recognize it. This is the solution of the Negro problem. The colored man must be judged as the white race judges itself—by what he accomplishes. If he falls behind, well and good. If he advances, so much the better But that is the test."

This may all be the buncombe of a day, still the Negro has nothing to lose in accepting it as he would his Bible.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

The school question has its pros and cons. The Connecticut Banner of New Haven has this to say:

> "Good work too, was done all day at the polls, by colored men, and in view of the late start made, our candidate made an excellent run, receiving 382 votes. Several of our women also voted, the first to, in the tenth ward being Mrs. Arthur Harris, also Mrs. Henry Lyons, Mrs. D. Cornell, Mrs. Scroggins. We feel that there is a brighter future for us, but let us remember that the future is in our own hands, and will be what we make it.
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> Colored men and women are paying taxes on many thousands of dollars worth of property, as property owners or renters, and yet we have not a single man in the city, who is drawing a salary from the school fund, as a teacher or even janitor. We are glad to say however, that there are gentlemen connected with the Board who are favorable to fair play. We simply want that recognition, all along the line, which others, many of whom are less American, are receiving. That's all!"

"All men were born free and equal." Yes, Mr. Banner, but they all do not see alike. What is one man's meat is another ones' poison

IN WALLER'S BEHALF.

> "Mr. Langston, counsel for ex-Consul Waller, and Paul Bray, stepson of the latter, were at the state department last week. They have received letters from Waller showing that his health is improving slightly. As the advices received here are to the effect that the record of the courtmartial in this case cannot possibly reach Paris before the 22nd inst, at the earliest. The statement of a French newspaper showing that Waller's case is hopeless is entirely discredited here. An important witness in Wallers' behalf and one who, it is alleged, can be relied upon to prevent any "doctoring" of the courtmartial record, will start for the United States in a few days from London. This is Mr. E G. Woodford, a civil engineer and an American citizen who was in Madagascar at the time of the Waller trial."

Poor Mr. Waller is surrounded with doubt. THE FREEMAN desires a speedy termination of the case. But this delay augurs no good.

> We understand that Mr. William Allison Sweeney is no longer editor of the Indianapolis Freeman and that a lady editor now handles the pen, the paste pot and scissors. The Chicago Conservator and other newspapers insinuate that Mr. Sweeney abdicated the editorial throne because he got tired of reading the serial story of the proprietor, Mr. George L. Knox, "My Life as I Remember It as a Slave and Free Man," and which had reached the thirtieth chapter without showing any disposition to stop. We do not take any such view of the matter We have found "My Life as I remember It" very interesting. We look for it every week and are relieved when we find it there and shall miss it as we would an old friend when the last line appears and the handsome cut of the author is removed from the column in which it has so long held a commanding place. We think Mr. Sweeny also takes our view of it. The reason for his abdication is yet to be disclosed.—The New York Age.

THE FREEMAN thinks that before the life of George L. Knox is finished it will prove more interesting to some individuals than it does now. Look out for the usual installments. Now is the time to subscribe.

> "Editor J. C Duke of the Pine Bluff Echo announces that he will abandon at once journalism for school teaching. Editor Duke has moved into his Second avenue property from his late country home. We trust Mr. Duke will find school teaching as profitable as he appears to have found journalism."—New York Age.

We hope there was no particular need for hurry in the matter.

THE Queen of Wisdom is the very striking heading of a neat, brand new paper, born on the opening day of the Atlanta Exhibition, and in that city. It has for its motto all the beatitudes. It is the organ of several institutions—a pretentious affair and bids fair to prosper.

WE gladly acknowledge the receipt of the Liberia Gazette, from Rev. A. L. Ridgel, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa. At a future day we will give these papers a review through our columns, so that Africa may be seen as she is. Ridgel is assistant editor.

THE American Eagle of St. Louis, Mo., has started on its second year. At the close of its annual salutatorian, it gets off this pretty conceit:

"Here's a kiss for those who love us,
And a smile for those who hate,
And whatever sky is above us,
Here's a heart for every fate."

May prosperity attend her ways.

IN God's name the Virginia Baptist insists that her preachers go to Atlanta to devise means towards the alleviation of idolatrous Africa.

The Rev. Prof. E. T. Denby, B. D., Ph. B., ex-dean of the Theological Department of Paul Quinn College and professor of physical, moral and intellectual sciences and French, and pastor of the college church, has tendered his resignation as pastor of said church, and in the meantime severed his connection from the African Methodist Episcopal Society. The doctor, while but twenty-six years of age is one of the profoundest thinkers of the young element of the race. As a scholar, a teacher, a pulpit orator and public debater he has fully demonstrated in that city and acknowledged by both white and colored. Mr. Denby said he had nothing to say concerning leaving the A. M. E. church at present, but in due time, if need be, the public shall know.

Yours fraternally,
I. Garland Penn.

Chief Commissioner of the Negro Exhibit at the Atlanta Exposition.

WE are getting quite a number of true reports of Africa.

Will Celebrate the Emancipation.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

Mrs. John Robbins is able to be out after an attack of fever. Mr. Dover Yocum has returned from a visit to Louisville and Southern Indiana. Mrs. Christine Smith of Nashville. Tenn., made a visit to her old home last week. Rev. H. E. Stewart has returned from conference. Mr. Thomas Evans of Beacon street, is very sick. Mrs. Wallace's sisters of Bedford, Ind., are visiting her. A party was given in honor of the young sister, Miss Pearl. Mr. Claybourn has accepted a position in the Denison House barber shop. Messrs Sam Robbins and Benson, of Richmond, Ind, have accepted a position at the Hotel Kirby Mr. Morton Shoecraft of Bloomington, Ill., visited the city last week, his friends were glad to see him.

Mrs. Chas. Timbers contemplates an extended trip to Southern Ohio. The people anticipate a grand time at the celebration of the emancipation. Such sports as bicycle riding, catching the greased pig, climbing the soaped pole, will be had. Mrs. Lydia Frazier was severely injured by a fall last Saturday. The wife of Mr. Jackson, the barber arrived in the city last Thursday from Portsmouth, O. Andrew Gilmore of Buffalo, N. Y., is the guest of his parents. Mr. Harvey Phillips visited his father and mother last Sunday at Cedarville, O.

MILITARY PARK DEDICATED.

Dress Parade by the Florida Cadets—Personal and Local Notes.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

The dedication of the Chickaumauga Chattanooga military park was the grandest affair in the whole history of Tennessee. It was witnessed by people from all over the world. More than twenty governors were in attendance, Thursday was the greatest day of the dedication at the park, and notwithstanding it is twelve miles from the city, there were enough vehicles on the road that day to reach from that place to the city. The visitors numbered about 35,000, of which there were over 15,000 soldiers. Friday the parade took place, and it was the finest military parade that was ever in the South. We will have to judge, however, that there are no colored troops, as none of them were represented, only as water carriers The white and colored public school boys also made a fine display as soldiers in the parade.

Miss Mayme P. Calaway left last week to join the Louden Jubilee Company at Ravenna, Ohio, The new liberty bell that was at the World's Fair, Chicago, passed through the city last week, en route to the Cotton States and International exposition. Prof. M. W. Dogan, of the mathematical chair-Central Tennessee college, was in the city a few days last week. Dr. R. F. Boyd, J. C. Napier and son, R. W. Adams, Miss Jennie B. Cheatham, Mrs. James Hunter and others, from Nashville, were in the city last week. Misses K. M. Daugherty and Lenora Moore, of Soddy, Tenn., was in the city last week. Miss M. L. Clay, James Turner, J. W. Payne, Mrs. Georgia McDonald, Mrs. Mattie McDaniel, W. A. Donegan, who is on the staff of the Huntsville Journal, and a number of others were in the city last week from Huntsville. Mrs. Singleton, mother of Prof. W. H. Singleton, was in the city last week. Mr. Mosby was in the city last week from Memphis. The dress parade at the driving park Sunday evening, by the Toledo Cadets and the Ohio troops was very interesting. Miss Lulu M. Loving was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cox, on Long street, last week. Miss G M. Beal was in the city last week. Mrs. Ella Fralix left Sunday for Dalton, Ga., where she has been teaching. Subscribers please note that your subscription for September is due; please settle at once. Get The Freeman at Dr. O. W. James' drug store. Married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pullen, on Chestnut street, J. C. Burdett, of Atlanta, Ga., to Miss Lizzie Bessin. C. H. Wade was best man. Rev. F. A. Thompson officiated. Only a few friends were present. They left on the next train for Atlanta. Miss Bessie Smith, of Knoxville College, spent several days in the city last week with Mrs. W. B. Kennedy and Mrs. C. H. LaPrade. Mrs. E. S. Martin is improving very rapidly. John Mayes has been very ill with rheumatism this week.

Current Events.

Wilberforce University, (Ohio) Special.

The increase of students continues constant. The 150 mark has been passed. September will doubtless see the enrollment reach 200. The addition of 200 more within the year will, in all probability, resolve itself into the mere question of capacity. Still 300 were accomodated last year and the capacity has been materially enlarged for the present. The Shorter homestead, The Havener addition, the Robt. Kendall residence, the change of industrial buildings to dormitory and the apartments provided in the new buildings will all be elements in the solution of the question, Rev. W. Woodson B D., graduate of Drew Seminary, an ex-student of Wilberforce University, has returned to take the chair of historia and pastoral theology in Payne Theological Seminary, The report of J. G. Mitchell in the Christian Recorder shows nearly a thousand dollars collected by him within a year. The Normal and Industrial Board met in Normal hall yesterday, in full session. The new building was carefully inspected, the big spring visited and work ordered to an early completion, The work accomplished by Prof. Harvey was highly satisfactory and he with Mrs. Harvey was granted a week's leave of absence. Mr, Howells spent the night at the University and personally inspected the several departments. Senator O'Neil came bringing with him additional students, some three are now here through his influence. Bishop Arnett and Sec'y Jones extended opportunity to the Board to secure a part of the Kendall farm just adjoining the University premises. The Board expressed satisfaction with the new employees, Prof. Jenkins and Mr. Gee. It was a profitable meeting. Dr. W. B. Derrick, of New York, favored Wilberforce with his presence, the guest of Bishop Arnett. Prof. Hope of Roger Williams College paid us a pleasant call. W. S. Blackburn has a clerkship in Columbus, O

Fair Exhibitions—Personals.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.

The commissioners have done themselves credit by the exhibit they purpose to make at the Atlanta Exposition. They placed on exhibition at the Second Congregational church Tuesday of last week, their hand work and mechanism. The exhibit showed much care in its preparation. There were two mechanical inventions, the work of Mr. W. M. Bradley. One a lever for lifting car trucks and the other a split scraper. Mr. Bradley has been at work planning these inventions about twelve years, but the most unique of all was a little house and a steam engine made by Flounder Murphy, a cripple. Another little house made by master George Henderson when only four years old attracted our attention. The table of curiosities has upon it things from the old tallow candle mould, the old fashion pot hooks and none of them, it is said, are less than seventy-five years old.

Mrs. Ford exhibits some very fine jelley. There is a sugar bowl two hundred years old, a bible one hundred and twenty-five years old, a cream pitcher eighty years old, a bed spread one hundred and fifty years old, two baby chairs, one eighty and the other fifty years old, and a silk mantel eighty-eight years old. Mrs. George M. Hurd's artistic skill is shown in her work on a pair of vases. There are twenty-one quilts, eighteen of which are silk. The quilt "rocky mountain" is a thing of beauty. Some very nice crochet by Mrs. Cyrus Blackwell. Miss Simmons has a fine pair of knitted silk suspenders.

Want of space prevents me telling of the needle work and nice plush paintings. The art department makes a good show. Mesdames S. R. Maples, Geo. Warson and A. S. Jones and Messrs. H. Cowan, W. Maples, and T. C. Dodson have nice crayon pictures. The crayon work of Mrs. Warson is the portrait of the daughter of Mrs. Ford Miss Jane Henry, a blind young lady contributes a zephyr lamp mat The picture of Rev. Dr. Levier, founder of Shiloh Presbyterian church, is good. H. A. Cowan has on exhibition a mantel, made of quartered oak and natural finished mantel and tile work. The local board of managers, Dr. Derrick, chairman; Prof. Dickson, secretary; Mesdames Yardly, Wade, Ford, Dodson, Burks Jones, Maples, and Major Smith of the Gleaner, did themselves and the race credit, in presenting to the world the display of product of Negro brain. E. J. Jones of Williamburg, Ky., is visiting his daughter-in-law Mrs. Berry, Clinton street. Wm. Edington of Landen, and Mrs. Florence Henderson of Concord, Tenn., were the guests of Mrs. Bussell, McGhee street, last week. Fair View School under Prof. Cobb, assisted by Mrs. Nannie Cansler, is in good condition. Prof. W. H. Bowser of Bulls Gate, Tenn., visited Mr. Gadsberry, Willow street, last week. Mr. James Lewis, Jr., son of Col Lewis, New Orleans, La., attended the encampment of the Sons of Veterans held here last week. He was the only member of the race present as representative, and Mr. Lewis has the honor of being the secretary to the firm of L. C. Keller and company, sugar dealers of this city. While here he was the guest of Mr. Mason, Cumberland street.

Dr. Rice of Cincinnati, O., came to the city Wednesday to spend ten days, Rev. J. D. Paul, S. T. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church, Marshall, Tenn., spent a few days with Prof. Flagg. He is a graduate of the Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburg, Pa. He left his subscription for The Freeman one year. Rev. W. C. Huffine of Montgomery, Va., an old friend of Jeweler C. C. Dodson, spent a few hours with his friends Thursday enroute to Chattanooga. Miss Lula Speers and Mr. Aaron Young met with painful accidents by coming in contact with a run away horse and buggy at the campfire Wednesday night. Mesdames W. H. Hargrave and Speers are convalescent. R E. Toomey and Chas. W. Cansler are our new law firm. They will practice in all the courts of the state.

EDITOR'S TALK.

We will have the pleasure next week of presenting to our many patrons of The Freeman and the public in general one of the finest illustrated Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation that has ever been our good fortune to offer to the public. It is an engraving 22 by 28 inches high, and forcibly picturing the very changed condition of the Negro from the slave's cabin to an American citizens home, and illustrated in the highest style of art, and should adorn the home of every citizen in the land. We will give a fine cut of it in our next issue reduced to one fortieth of the standard size, but sufficiently graphic to show the design of the picture. We will offer it to the public through agents at one dollar per copy. Those wishing to canvass for one of the best paying articles that has ever been put upon the market will do well to make their application to The Freeman while they can secure choice of territory any our very liberal terms to agents.

TAKE NOTICE.

Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, who has been in New York City for some weeks attending the McDowell Dress Designing School will soon finish the course in all its departments of dress designing, cutting and fitting a speciality. The school from which Mrs. Turner will finish is the finest in America and gives its pupils every advantage to get a thorough knowledge of all high class dress designing. On Mrs. Turner's return she will be pleased to have all persons call upon her who wish to be thoroughly satisfied with their dress making at reasonable prices.

Rev. J. W. Carr left last Wednesday to attend the National Baptist Association at Atlanta Ga.

MY LIFE AS I REMEMBER IT—AS SLAVE AND FREE MAN!

COMPILED, ARRANGED AND WRITTEN BY MYSELF GEORGE L. KNOX

CHAPTER XXX.

When I made the loan to Mr. Cooper, he said he would pay the note in ten days. I suggested that the note be made out payable in thirty days, thus giving him sufficient time to meet the payment. This note went on for eighteen months, but as I did not particularly need the money, I did not force collection. While sitting in my place of business one day, Mr. Reibold, the proprietor of the Bates House, called me, saying he wished to ask me a question. He asked me what I knew of the paying qualities of Mr. Cooper. I replied, I knew nothing of him except through my own dealings with him. I said I did not desire to say anything that would injure him, but previous to this time, about eighteen months ago, I made him a loan, which he had promised to to pay in thirty days, but up to that time had not made a settlement. I desired to know why Mr. Reibold asked me that question, and he replied that Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Cooper had come to him and presented things very favorably to him of the financial condition of the Freeman, requesting a loan of $300. I replied that if that was the reason he asked me the question, I would say nothing concerning the matter, leaving him to be his own judge as to whether he should make the desired loan or not. Shortly after this time, Mr. Cooper called to see me, stating that he wished to see me privately. After we had gone down stairs to my private office, Mr. Cooper began to speak in his usual vein, speaking of my splendid business ability, how much credit I deserved for what I had done, what a fine looking fellow I was, etc., I following up his talk with saying I knew he was giving me "taffy" but that a man ate "taffy" when he least expected to and at the same time relished it. He hastened to assure me that he did not indulge in flattery, and what he said he meant, and in this case was simply stating facts. He then came to the business he wished to speak to me about, requesting an additional loan. I informed him that as he had not kept his promise in the first instance, I did not care to make him a further loan. I called his attention to the fact that he was an energetic young man, full of business and that the future before him was bright, but he must learn one thing,—and that was to be punctual in keeping promises he had made. I suggested that if he had kept the promises he made me, that I now would have full confidence in him, and would let him have what he desired. We gain the confidence of others by keeping our promises. I told him that when a man fails to keep his promises, his friends do not care to trust him further "Whenever you learn that trait of character," I said, "to keep your word, your promises, there is no power on earth to keep you down, as you are a great hustler and have splendid business ability. A man who always pays his debts, not only for the reason that he may be accommodated in the future, but because it is right, will always get along. A person who will adopt this method of doing business will always be successful.

GEO. L. KNOX.

As is well known, Mr. Cooper is a smooth talker and he assured me that the matter had been overlooked, but that it was almost impossible at that time for him to do what he desired relative to this matter. I assured him, however, that I could make no further advancement. In about a week from this time, Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Cooper came to see me and after passing the time of day, Mr. Sweeney being the spokesman, began to tell of their methods of doing business and spoke in glowing terms of my future, giving me to understand that as I was looked upon as a lover of race enterprise, the "great" Negro philanthropist, they desired my assistance at this juncture in order to keep the Indianapolis Freeman going. I told Mr. Sweeney that I did not see how it would be proper for me to to advance money for running The Freeman, but Mr. Sweeney spoke with the assurance that if the Indianapolis Freeman failed, which it was almost sure to do if I did not help them, it would be a disgrace to Indianapolis, to myself and the race generally, which were additional reasons why I should lend them money. He could not understand why I should hesitate to aid them at this critical period.

I told Mr. Sweeney I could advance them [no money, and told him I had previously advanced Mr. Cooper money, which had not been repaid, whereat Mr. Sweeney was greatly surprised and appeared quite indignant that Mr. Cooper had not told him of this transaction, assuring me that he would not have asked me for any money for The Freeman had he known of this. For Mr. Sweeney's benefit I repeated the conversation I had had with Mr. Cooper. Mr. Sweeney then took Mr. Cooper to task, as a father would a child, telling him he should not so have misled him as to get him in this predicament, and that the advice I had given Mr. Cooper, he had also given him time and time again. "You will always be a failure, said Mr. Sweeney" unless you take the advice given you by Mr. Knox." Mr. Cooper, in his smooth way, tried to clear matters, and Mr. Sweeney, indignant at Mr. Cooper's treatment of him, said he did not blame Mr. Knox for refusing to lend him money, thus trying to throw off any suspicions I might entertain that the plan was one concocted between them, Mr. Sweeney then withdrew in disgust.

Mr. McCoy was at this time preparing to leave for his post in Liberia. One Saturday morning, as I was at my place of business, two gentlemen, who had been there before, stepped in, looking more like Shylocks and money—lenders swooping down upon me than money-borrowers. My customers glanced from them to me, and from the manner in which these men appeared as they came in, and from the way in which they asked to see me privately, no doubt concluded I was heavily obligated to these gentleman. If I had not known the gentleman, I probably would have looked out to see a fine turnout, with coachman and footman attending. It I had not known them I would have thought they were some gentlemen from Wall street, or Eastern capitalists who had come to foreclose a mortgage on me.

When we reached my private office, Mr Sweeny (the reader has no doubt identified these gentlemen) again the spokesman, as usual spoke of my being a great man and considered such by the people of the country, to which I replied "that I could not be known all over the country. I was simply a barber, even though I had reached the zenith in my profession," but Mr. Sweeney assured me that because of my energy and push I had become a National Character. He continued that this time they had come on a mission, and they knew I could accommodate them. They had a large pay roll to meet and which had to be met immediately and they only required the use of my name. So saying, they handed me a promissory note, already signed by Mr Cooper and Mr. McCoy, and all they required was the use of my name, but the way the note was worded, I was simply to become the responsible party for the note, while Mr. McCoy became the indorser, the amount of which was $2:0. I told them I could not sign the note, but said to them if they brought a note from Mr. McCoy for thirty or sixty days, I would indorse it for Mr. McCoy. I thought by this I would get entirely out of the matter.

The gentlemen left and I had just begun to breathe more freely, imagining myself out o the matter, when I happened to look into the hotel office and saw Messrs. Sweeney, Cooper and McCoy together. "They think they have me to myself and I will not have the courage to say I would not sign the note," said I to myself, "but I will not sign it unless it suits me." It was nearly 8 o'clock and they were desirous of having money to pay off The Freeman's employees, who were waiting for their return. I told them even if I did sign the note they could not get any money, as all the banks were closed, but they said if I would sign the note they would have no trouble in getting the money. I then and there refused to sign it and told Mr. McCoy that as he was going away, the responsibility would fall on me anyway when collection was to be made. I told Mr. McCoy that no doubt Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Cooper had done a great deal for him through their paper in a political way, while he was making his race for the legislature and for the appointment as minister to Liberia and that he could afford to take some chances, reminding him that politicians feeling the knife in them must bear it and not say a word. With these remarks I left them,

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BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

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is no defense or security for any of us except in the high intelligence and development of all. If anywhere there are efforts tending to curtail the fullest growth of the Negro, let these efforts be turned into stimulating, encouraging and making him the most useful and intelligent citizen. Effort on means so invested will pay a thousand per cent interest. These efforts will be twice blessed—"blessing Him that gives and Him that takes."

There is no escape through the law of man or God, from the inevitable:

"The laws of changeless justice bind
Oppressor with oppressed
And close as sin and suffering joined
We march to fate abreast."

Nearly sixteen millions of hands will aid you in pulling the load upward, or they will pull against you the load downward. We shall constitute one-third and march more of the ignorance and crime of the South or one-third of its intelligence and progress, we shall contribute one-third to the business and industrial prosperity of the South, or we shall prove a veritable body of death, stagnating, depressing, retarding every effort to advance the body politic.

Gentlemen of the exposition: As we present to you our humble effort at an exhibition of our progress, you must not expect very much; starting thirty years ago with owner ship here and there in a few quilts, and pumpkins and chickens, (gathered from miscellaneous sources) remember that the path that has led from these to inventions and productions of agricultural implements, buggies, steam engines, newspapers, books, statuary, carving, paintings, the management of drug stores and banks, has been trodden without contract with thorns and thistles. While we take pride in what we exhibit as a result in our independent efforts we do not for a moment forget that our part in this Exposition would fall far short of your expectations, but for the constant help to our educational life not only from Southern States, but especially from Northern philanthropists who have made their gifts a constant stream of blessing and encouragement. The wisest among my race understand that the agitations of question of social equality is exptremest folly, and that progress in the enjoyment of all the privileges that will come to us, must be the result of severe and constant struggle, rather than of artificial forcing. No race that has anything to contribute to the markets of the world is long in any degree osstracized. It is important and right that all privileges of the law be ours, but is vastly more important that we be prepared for the exercises of these privileges. The opportunity to earn a dollar in a factory just now is worth infinitely more than the opportunity to spend a dollar in an opera house.

In conclusion, may I repeat that nothing in thirty years has given us more hope and encouragement, and nothing has drawn us so near to you of the white race as the opportunity offered by this Exposition, and here bending, as it were, over the altar that represents the results of struggles of your race and mine, both starting practically empty handed three decades ago, I pledge that in your effort to work out the great and intricate problem which God has laid at the doors of the South you shall have at all times the patient, sympathetic help of my race, only let this be constantly in mind, that while from representations in these buildings of the products of field, of forest, of mine, of factory, letters and art, much good will come, yet far above and beyond material benefits, will be that higher good, that let us pray God will come, in a blotting out of sectional differences and racial animosities and suspicions, in a determination to administer absolute justice, in a willing obedience among all classes to the mandates of the law and a spirit that will tolerate nothing but the highest equity in the enforcement of law. This coupled with our material prosperity will bring into our beloved South a new heaven and a new earth,

Words of Commendation.

Longview, Tex., Special.

Grant Neal, agent for The Freeman, has been to our city and has advertised the light of the Negro. We have received two copies already. Nothing more greater and grander to read than The Freeman. We pray God's blessing upon Mr. Neal where ever he may be that he may continue to help carry out such throughout the whole United States. The Afro-Americans need a light, and The Freeman is the light for every Negro. Why not stand firm together as a race and work for the benefit of our race? It is high time for us to look off the end of our noses. We the colored race of these United States ought to think how we are treated. Some of us are beaten, shot down as brutes and hanged. We have once been driven in herds as stock to ranches and cut out and shipped to highest market places to be sold. No liberty, no privilege, no word could be said, but go at a price or a sum of money. Think of this and stand to one another as all other races. The Negro should patronize his publications and his institutions and stores of every description. Those who can ought to go in to business of some kind so they can help their race. We need lawyers, doctors, clerks and salesmen. Dr. Williams is having quite a practice, also Dr. Lucy has all he can do. The Freeman is a light for the Negro. It is well worth its weight in gold.

A Merry Party.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.

Messrs. Burton, Elisha Steward and J. C. Davis took a trip to Lake Maxinkuckee the 14th. A cake walk will be given at Armory hall October 2nd. The ladies of Saulter M. E. church gave a surprise party Monday evening, September 16, on their pastor, C. H. Taylor, who has been sick for several days. A grand time was had. Frank Allen has returned from Chicago. Mrs. Martha Jackson, who has been confined to her room for three weeks, is enjoying good health. Mrs. Clingman is suffering from a severe illness. Miss Curtman, of Rockville, is visiting her friend, Mrs. Cruitup. Miss Black, of Sullivan, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Clark. Master Sammie Ratliffe returned from conference last Thursday evening. Elder Gilliam will be in the city this week. Miss Annie Whitted and Miss Fannie Jackson was in the city last week. Rev. Ratliffe was sent back to Allen Chapel, for which we all are glad.

A Good Record.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.

Just now there is going on a smal revolution in the educational system of our State, and complaints are heard upon all sides as to the rigidity of the public school examinations. Old educators of both races are failing. Therefore it is refreshing to note that the race's credit for intelligence is upheld, and our position as an advancing race is maintained by some painstaking men and women here as in other parts of the Union. Prof. Wm. H. Gibson, Jr., first grade certificate, embracing orthography, reading, penmanship, U. S., history, geography, arithmetic, composition, physiology, theory and practice, civil government, algebra, physical geography, making the general average 92¾ per cent. He is one of only two colored teachers in the State who secured such a certificate. Prof. Gibson was so confident of his ability to pass that he went at heavy expense to Marion county. Succeeded, and is now appointed principal of the academy at Ocala, the county seat at Marion. He is a strong admirer and an old subscriber of The Freeman.

Miss Linnie E. Tolbert was one of the only five colored teachers to pass for third grade in this (Duval) county. She finished at Wilberforce, Ohio, while Prof, Gibson and she both are from Kentucky. They were comparatively strangers here, hence without political pull or other influences, apart from their mental ability to secure recognition from the examining board and grading committee. While the examinations are complained of by white and colored throughout the State as being the most rigid ever given. Thus the efficiency in the faculty of Edward Waters college, here in Jacksonville, during the last term, will be seen both Miss Tolbert and Prof. Gibson were instructors. Mrs. Mattie G. Taylor holds the highest certificate of any colored woman in Jefferson county. She, too, is a former student of Edward Waters college, which has had, generally, some of the ablest educators in the country at the head of its departments.

CÆSAR A. A. TAYLOR.

Return of the Teachers.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Mr. Wm. Hardy, Sr., was called to the bedside of his son who is lying dangerously ill in Atlanta, Ala. Miss Julia B. Meredith, one of our most energetic young ladies, has a flourishing music class in Courtland. Misses Julia Finley, Mattie Walker, Ellen Brown, and Master B. L. Willis all young teachers, closed their schools and returned to the city. Rev. A. J. Cobb, pastor of the C. M. E. baptized quite a number at the Big Spring last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Johnson of the Congregational church of Florence, Ala., has been a frequent visitor to our city recently. Hon. J. C. Napier of Nashville, was in our city recently. Mr P. H. Washington, our leading colored merchant, is doing a good business. Miss Kenady, a highly cultured lady, is the guest of Mrs. Henry Keller this week. Miss Kenady is one of the teachers of Lemoine Normal Institute of Memphis, Tenn. She is returning from Cincinnati where she has been taking a course in music during the summer, We are glad to see our friend Mr. R. L. Keller up again. Mr. and Mrs. Amon Rick of Chicago, arrived here last week and will make this their future home Mr Ricks is a musician and Mrs. Ricks is a seamstress. Miss Effie Goodloe is on the sick list this week. Miss Mary Corpier of Florence, has been in the city this week. Miss Mollie Ross was unusually happy last Sunday. Mr. G. M. Thatch who has been home ill for some time has returned to his work again. Mr, Levi Bradley has been sick for some days. Mr. J. W. James, one of our most thrifty young men who was hurt accidentally on the cars some weeks ago, is getting out again. Mr. Tom Coger s ys that it will not be much longer.

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SOUTH'S NEW EPOCH.

A Negro Moses Spoke for a Race—B. T. Washington's

Consummate Plea Made Him the Hero of the Occasion—Much Spirit Indicated at the Exposition.

ATLANTA, Sept. 18.—While President Cleveland was waiting at Gray Gables to-day to send the electric spark that started the machinery of the Atlanta Exposition a Negro Moses stood before a great audience of white people and delivered an oration that marks a new epoch in the history of the South and a body of Negro troops marched in a procession with the citizen soldiery of Georgia and Louisiana. The whole city is thrilling to-night with a realization of the extraordinary significance of these two unprecedented events. Nothing has happened since Henry Grady's immortal speech before the New England Society in New York that indicates so profoundly the spirit of the New South, except, perhaps, the opening of the Exposition itself.

When Prof. Booker T. Washington, principal of an industrial school for colored people in Tuskegee, Ala., stood on the platform of the Auditorium, with the sun shining over the heads of his hearers into his eyes and his whole face lit up with the fire of prophecy, Clark Howell, the successor of Henry W. Grady, said to me: "That man's speech is the beginning of moral revolution in America."

It is the first time that a Negro has made a speech in the South on any important occasion before an audience composed of white men and women. It electrified the audience, and the response was as if it had come from the throat of a whirlwind.

PROF. WASHINGTON THE NEGRO MOSES.

Mrs. Thompson had scarcely taken her seat when all eyes were turned on a tall, tawny Negro sitting in the front row on the platform. It was Prof. Booker T. Washington, president of the Tuskegee, Alabama Normal and Industrial Institute, who must rank from this time forth as the foremost man of his race in America. Gilmore's band played the Star Spangled Banner, and the audience cheered. The tune changed to Dixie, and the audience roared with shrill ki-yi's. Again the music changed to Yankee Doodle and the clamor lessened.

All this time the eyes of the thousands looked straight at the Negro orator, A strange thing was to happen. A black man was to speak for his people with none to interrupt him. As Prof. Washington strode forward to the edge of the stage the low, descending sun shot fiery rays through the windows into his face. A great shout greeted him. He turned his head to avoid the blinding light and moved about the platform for relief. Then he turned his powerful countenance to the sun without a blink of the eyelids and began to talk,

There was a remarkable figure, tall, bony, straight as a Sioux chief, high forehead, straight nose, heavy jaws and strong, determined mouth, with big white teeth, piercing eyes and a commanding manner. The sinews stood out on his bronzed neck, and his muscular right arm swung high in the air with a lead pencil grasped in the clenched brown fist His big feet were planted squarely, with the heels together and the toes turned out. His voice rang out clear and true, and he paused impressively as he made each point. Within ten minutes the multitude was in an uproar of enthusiasm, handkerchiefs waved, canes flourished, hats tossed in the air. The fairest women of Georgia stood up and cheered. It was as if the orator had bewitched them.

NO CAUSE EVER PLEADED BETTER.

And when he held his dusky hand high above his head, with the fingers stretched wide apart, and said to the white people of the South on behalf of his race: "In all things that are purely social we can be as seperate as the fingers, yet one as the hand, in all things essential to social progress." The great wave of sound dashed itself against the walls and the whole audience was on its feet in a delirium of applause and I thought at that moment of the night when Henry Grady stood among the curling wreaths of tobacco smoke in Delmonico's banquet hall and said "I am a Cavalier among Roundheads."

I have heard the great orators of many countries, but not even Gladstone himself could have pleaded a cause with more consummate power than this angular Negro standing in a nimbus of sunshine surrounded by the men who once fought to keep his race in bondage. The roar might swell ever so high, but the expression of his earnest face never changed.

A ragged ebony giant, squatted on the floor in one of the aisles, watched the orator with burning eyes and tremulous face until the supreme outburst of applause came and then the tears ran down his face. Most of the Negroes in the audience were crying, perhaps without knowing just why.

At the close of the speech Gov. Bullock rushed across the platform and seized the orator's hand. Another shout greeted this demonstration, and for a few moments the two men stood facing each other, hand in hand.

JAMES CREELMAN,
In New York World of Sept. 19, 1895.

An Enterprising Citizen.

Helena, Mont., Special.

Prof. E. G. Cole has a second hand store which has been doing good business. He has everything for sale. Mrs. E. G. Cole is clerking in the Prof's. furniture store which has a good trade. He keeps furniture of the best and latest styles. Mrs. Cole is a thorough business woman. Prof. Cole has his hands full. You can see him all over town buying furniture, collecting, taking contracts for painting, papering, kalsomining, etc. He keeps from eight to ten men employed at the various jobs. Prof. Cole plays ten different instruments. He is director of the Cole's Colored Cornet Band. A grand reception was given last Friday at the residence of Prof. and Mrs. E. G. Cole by Dr Buscall M. King, John M. Nooper, M. Nicholson, and N. M. Scott in honor of Miss Belle and Mollie McDonnell of Bozeman. The evening was spent in vocal and instrumental music and games of various kinds until the "wee hours." Rev. Moore has gone to conference, and we are waiting anxiously to see who will be the next pastor. M. Dorsey who has opened a grocery store is doing good business. His wife is in charge of the restaurant; she is a first-class cook and has a good patronage.

Fort Harrison is about completed and the soldiers of the 22nd will be here about October 1st. Mr. Cole has just finished a large contract at the fort where he has had fifteen men working for several weeks, which has been received and a check given him. The State Capitol has been located in the eastern part of the city. All of the property owners in that part of the city feel quite jubilant over their success after two months of hard labor. The Denver Company gave the capitol city committee ten acres of ground and the citizens a bonus of $10,000. The capitol will be located only a few blocks from the A. M. E. church. Mr Cole has twenty lots near the cite which he has commenced to improve. Mrs. Walter Scott who was brought to Helena from Butte City upon a sick bed and given up by the doctor is able to be around the house.

Social Happenings.

Alton, Ill., Special.

The A. M. E. Conference sent Rev. DeBaptiste to Upper Alton, Rev. Stevenson to North Alton and Rev. G. Price here for this season. Mrs. Henry Fox is on the sick list. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes is quite sick. Capt John Smith and William Hammond of this city paid Edwardsville a visit last Sunday in the interest of the Lovejoy club.

"LATE HOUR" CLUB

Reorganized — Business Prosperous — Repainting of the Church.

Galveston, Texas, Special.

The Afro-American business enterprises of the city are recovering from the many disadvantages of a dull summer and are also increasing in number. C. A. Lofficial, manufacturer of Cuban cigars, has opened quite a large factory on West Market street. E. W. Walker, Texarkana, Ark., is in the city, when met by The Freeman man Mr. Walker said it was his intention to demonstrate facts that the Negro is capable and can, like other men, successfully manage a first class hotel. This he will do by opening in this city, on or about October 15th, a strictly first class hotel of 100 rooms for the accommodation of Afro-Americans.

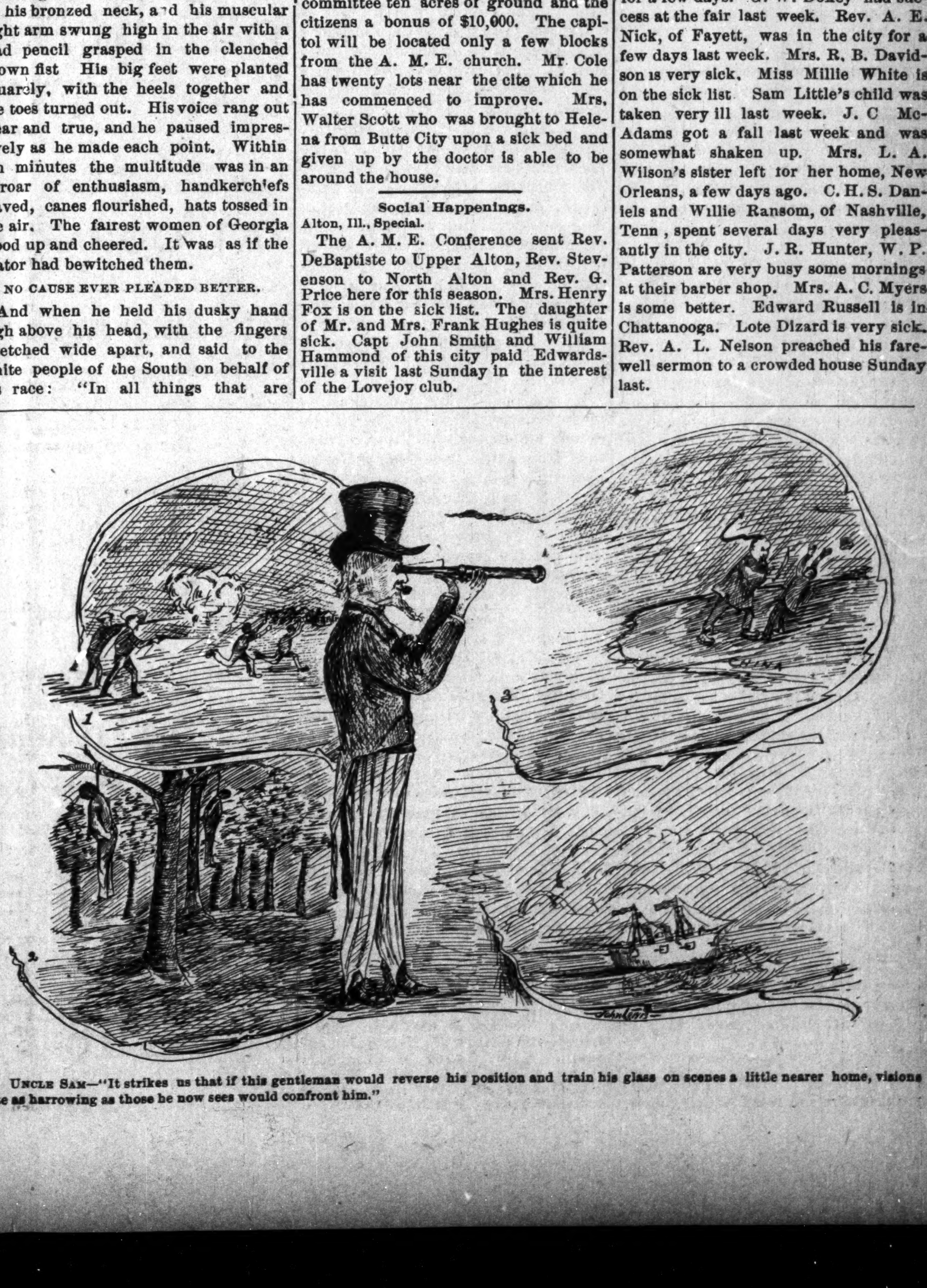
Sheldon Mason and Mr. Bearden, our expert job printers, are complaining of dull business. The young men should be encouraged by the many secret and benevolent organizations which have so much job printing to be done. Messrs. Wesley and Finch again succeeded in getting together the members of the famous "Late Hour" club. Not a more striking evidence of the Negro's devotion to literary work is found anywhere than in the many literary societies of Galveston. Galveston sent quite a large delegation to the district convention of the Epworth League recently held in Houston, Texas. A concert will be given sometime in the near future in the interest of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist church. The parsonage and St. Paul A. M. E. church have been recently painted.

Endowment day was well observed at Reedy's Chapel A. M. E. church. The collection was good and the proceeds were sent to Paul Quinn college. Miss Bessie Kyle, of Houston, visited the city last week and was the guest of Miss Lizzie Johnson. Mrs. L. H. Reynolds is visiting friends in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. Several of the Baptist ministers of this city left Monday for Atlanta, Ga., where they will attend the great Baptist convention and the exposition. The colored waiters of Hotel Grand were turned out last week and there places were filled by white boys. C. M. Rogers resigned his position as head-waiter at the Tremont in favor of Frank Clark, of Houston The closing picnic of the season was given at Douglass park Monday, September 16th, by the Household of Ruth, No. 178. Rev. L. H. Reynolds delivered an excellent address to the Household and guests. An examination of teachers was held on Friday and Saturday, 21st and 22nd, on account of a vacancy in the chair of mathematics in the Central High school. Miss Dr. Emma Reynolds spent a week in the city while en route to Waco where she will spend the ensuing year at Paul Quinn college.

Attended the Chickamauga Dedication

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Henry Barkdale returned home last week. Dr. Turner, Bret Sullivan and others attended the Chickamauga celebration. Prof. J. A. Jones will open the Turner College next week. W. H. Gosling will deliver the opening address. Rev. John Sebastian is at home for a few days. G. W. Doxey had success at the fair last week. Rev. A. E. Nick, of Fayett, was in the city for a few days last week. Mrs. R. B. Davidson is very sick. Miss Millie White is on the sick list Sam Little's child was taken very ill last week. J. C McAdams got a fall last week and was somewhat shaken up. Mrs. L. A. Wilson's sister left for her home, New Orleans, a few days ago. C. H. S. Daniels and Willie Ransom, of Nashville, Tenn, spent several days very pleasantly in the city. J. R. Hunter, W. P. Patterson are very busy some mornings at their barber shop. Mrs. A. C. Myers is some better. Edward Russell is in Chattanooga. Lote Dizard is very sick. Rev. A. L. Nelson preached his farewell sermon to a crowded house Sunday last.



UNCLE SAM—"It strikes us that if this gentleman would reverse his position and train his glass on scenes a little nearer home, visions quite as harrowing as those he now sees would confront him."

RACE GLEANINGS.

Rev. C. S. Smith's new book, "Glimpses of Africa" is ready to receive the criticism of the public.

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A Roman Catholic colored man who died recently in New Orleans, left $300,000. One of his bequests was $3,000 to the M. E. church.

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Rev. Henry H. White is preparing a history of the colored Baptists of Missouri since the war.

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The oldest A. M E. congregation west of the Alleghenies is at Lovejoy, St. Clair County, Ill. It was organized by Bishop Paul Quinn in 1829.

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Will Caldwell, a Negro, was lynched near Osceola, Ark., on the 18th, for the murder of Mrs. Rhea. An aged Negro who is alleged to have instigated the crime, is also believed to have been lynched.

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Rev. J. C. Duffan, of the Winchester station, Virginia conference, resigned from the connection and said station has been supplied by Rev. C. A. Holmes.

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The Smith Granite Co., of Westerly, R. I., is to commence moulding the bronze statue of the late Hon. Frederick Douglass. The statue will be eight feet high and will be a fine piece of work.

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The Corinthian Baptist church of Indianapolis celebrated its Fourteenth Anniversary this week. The excercises commenced Sunday lasting the entire week. Different pastors of the city took part.

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Doctor Charles E. Bently has been appointed to a professorship in the Harvard Medical School of Chicago The doctor fills the chair of Pathological and Dental Surgery. The faculty consists of twenty-five gentlemen, all white men excepting Doctor Bentley.

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While in the city attending the A. M. E. conference, Rev. H. F. Johnson and Dr. Coppin of Philadelphia, were refused accommodations at Hilliker's restaurant. Mr. Hilliker was arrested and on a charge of venue the trial will come off at Broad Ripple.

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A convention of North Carolina Negroes, in Raleigh, last week adopted resolutions declaring that "the time has come for the Negro to take independent action, and creating a board, that is to be known as the Advisory Board, to decide on the best interests of the Negroes, socially, morally and politically."

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On Saturday September 14, Rev. J. M. Henderson of New York City, officiated at the marriage of G. F. Richings to Miss Romani Greeley, a lady of culture and refinement of Ohio. Mr. Richings is the white gentleman who has done so much good work for the race, not only in this country, but also in England.

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The Negroes in the vicinity of Oak Grove Ga. held a picnic last week. Since that day about thirty of those who ate of the picnic dinner have been sick. Three of them have died and several others will probably die. The cause of the trouble has not yet been definitely ascertained. Most of the Negroes believe that a certain cake caused the sickness. Two of those who have died were of the family who took the cake to the picnic.

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Under the inspiration of Dr. F. N. Mossell, the colored people of Philadelphia have established a hospital on the same lines as Provident Hospital of Chicago. Miss Minnie Clemens is in charge of the nurse training department. She was the first and only colored woman to graduate from the University Training School of that city, and was a protege of the great Dr. Hayes Agnew. The new hospital is called The Frederick Douglass Memorial.

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Rev. John Jenkins, colored, president of an orphanage in England, accompanied by four Negro children, has made application to the Magistrate of the Bow Street Police Court London, England, for assistance to return to Charleston, S. C. He said that the boys had formed an orphanage band and he had been told by a committee of pastors to bring them to London, where they could perform and raise money. He found that the laws would not permit children under 11 years to perform in public.

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At Montgomery, Ala, Frank Baker, Frank Phiter and Wash McCall, colored, have been committed to jail by Magistrate Coosada, for the murder of R. R. Harlow, the young stranger who was killed near there last month. The theory was that the unfortunate man was murdered and robbed while he slept. Papers in his pocket identified him. He had $40 and a watch when he left Birmingham, a few hours before his death. Harlow's home was Valley Forge, Va

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL

Committee of the A. M. E. Annual Conference held in this City.

To the Bishop and members of the Conference: Your committee on the important subject of education asks leave to submit the following as a result of our consideration:

We find that a good system of public free schools is maintained throughout the state, and all have within their reach the means of a common school education. In some of the cities the schools are mixed, thus bringing the two race varieties into closer contact, and giving the colored children the same accommodations, facilities and kind of teaching enjoyed by the white children. While these and some other advantages result from the methods of mixing our schools, we also find in most places where the schools have been mixed that the attendance of colored children is smaller in proportion than when they were separate, and also that colored teachers are left without employment and driven from these cities and some times from the state. We think parents should urge their children to avail themselves of every educational advantage and that our citizens should demand that teachers be mixed as well as pupils.

Your committee has been in correspondence with several of our leading colleges and find that the educational work of the church is in a prosperous and hopeful condition. That in Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga., Allen University, Columbia, S. C., Kittrell Normal and Industrial Institute, Kittrell, N. C., Paul Quinn College, Waco, Tex., and Wilberforce University, O., there were enrolled over twelve hundred students. The average enrollment of the other nine schools of the fourteen generally mentioned is about one hundred, making over two thousand boys and girls, young men and women attend our schools.

We have talked so much about educating the head, heart and hand that most of the schools and colleges have added to their literary and religious instructions some phase of industrial education, and thus two thousand young people each year are reeeiving at the hands of the church such training as will enable them to enter the professions and competitive avocations of life. Most of our schools have established a theological department and are giving special attention to the training of young men for the christian ministry. The best of these departments is Payne Theological Seminary of Wilberforce. This school needs the earnest and faithful encouragement of every minister in the connection, and we are pleased to say from personal knowledge that it is entitled to and worthy of every consideration we can in any way give it. Your committee finds that this conference voted in 1891 to establish at this school a scholarship and to make it operative and effectual by sending thereto fifty dollars each year.

We recommend that this conference renew her allegiance to ministerial education, and that we put that scholarship in operation by sending before the rise of our session fifty dollars to the Dean of Payne Theological Seminary. We are glad to say that Wilberforce University was never in a better condition and the growth of the shool has demanded additional buildings and some of these are now being erected.

Social Doings.

Lebanon, Ill., Special.

Miss Mamie Turner, a gradute of McKendree College, is teaching in Gallatin, Mo. Miss Angie Young who has been visiting friends and relations has returned to Manhattan, where she will teach again this year. Miss Lucia Lee who has been visiting Mrs. J. H. Young, has returned to Belleville. Mrs. Nora Lee of Kansas City, is visiting. Mrs. Young Turner, Mrs, J. H. Young, Mrs. W. G. Turner and Miss Jane Hammond spent a few days in St. Louis. A swell feast was given at the residence of Mrs. Julia Hammonds. Those present were Misses Belle Turner Lucia Lee, Angie Young, Mamie Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hart, Mr. and Mrs. J. H Young, Mrs. Young Turner, Mr. and Mrs Frank Gant spent a few days at the Belleville fair. Mr. Young Turner who has been visiting friends and relations in Kansas, is home again. W B. Young of Cincinnati, O., an employe of the third National Bank was in town a few days and returned Monday the 16th.

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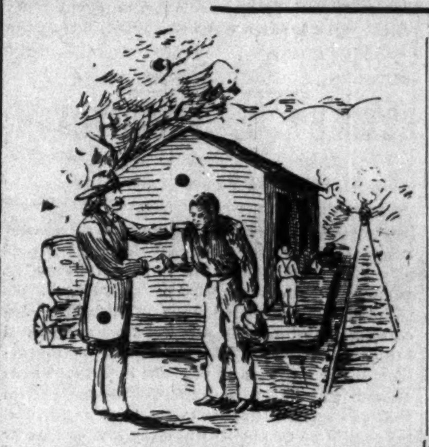

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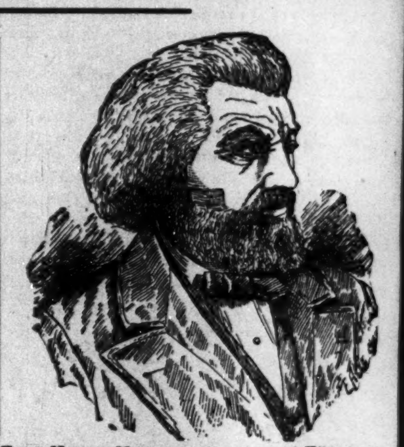

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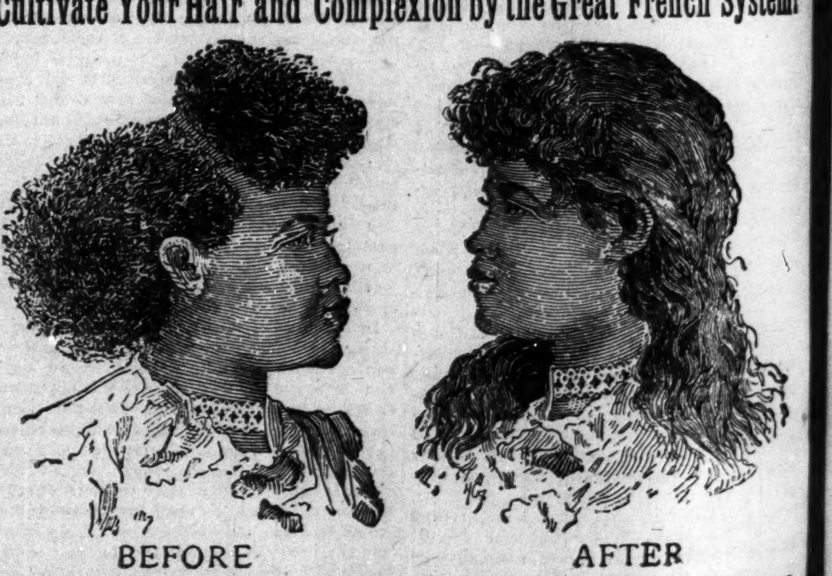

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THE VESPER HYMN.

When I sit alone in the twilight dim,
And hear the solemn vesper hymn,
When the powerful organ softly wails
Like a mighty heart that strives and fails,
When the flickering candles throw their gleam
On the altar figures that living seem,
Then the face of mother looks at me,
And her smile it is beautiful to see;
Then the loving eyes of the blessed child,
Shed into my heart benediction mild;
All the cares and the sorrows of the day,
Seem to softly slip from my soul away,
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—May W. Donnan.

Indianapolis.

A bust of Charles Sumner, made by the colored woman sculptress, Edmonia Lewis, will be among the significant exhibits at the Atlanta Exposition.

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Chicken Soup with Tomatoes—There will be enough left from Thursday's soup for this. Add a pint of stewed tomatoes and press all through a fine sieve. Serve with dice of fried bread.

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Where it is desirable to see the tongue of a very small child, the object may be accomplished by touching the upper lip with a bit of sweet oil, which will cause the child to protude its tongue.

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Never reprimand a child in the presence of others, even the older children. Rather than teach him that you are ashamed of his misconduct and prefer that no one should know how rude they had acted.

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Shirt waists of woolen materials will be in existence this winter as much as those of wash goods were in summer. Plaids are much liked for misses and young women; changeable effects are eagerly sought for in all kinds of goods. For instance, red and blue changeable waist may be worn with a red or a blue skirt, varying the stock collar to match the skirt.

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A nervous child should never hear this said of himself. He will soon learn to use the expression as an excuse for naughtiness. Train him to regular habits of life, secure from him simple, wholesome food, see that he gets plenty of sleep, that his nerves are not disturbed by teasing by others, and in all probability he will cease to manifest nervousness, especially if he never hears older people talk about his being neverous.

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By watching the movements of a child's face when in pain the location of the trouble may be approximately determined. If the upper third of the face is altered in expression, as by twitching of the eyelids or contraction of the brows, it indicates some brain difficulty; if the middle third of the face like movements of the nostrils, a disease of the chest; if the lower third, such a drawn upper lip, the difficulty is in the abdomen.

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Peach Shortcake—Make a good biscuit dough, with a tablespoonful each of lard and butter chopped through a quart of flour, which has been sifted with a level teaspoonful of salt and three of baking powder; mix to the right consistency with cold milk; handle as little as possible, roll out into two crusts about half an inch thick and the size of a breakfast plate; dot the lower one with bits of butter, lay on the upper and bake. When done pull apart and fill with a thick layer of sliced and sugared peaches.

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Ignorance on the part of mothers in matters so vitally concerning the well-being of their children is well nigh criminal—and yet, it is astonishing how widespread such ignorance is, even among the most loving and conscientious of mothers.

In view of these facts, surely it would be timely and appropriate for this matter to be taken up in the women's clubs. The Committee on Home, which is an important one in women's clubs, might arrange a series of hygienic instructions, etc., which would result most beneficially for many homes in our midst.

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A very useful, pretty and comparatively inexpensive divan or lounge, suitable for a bed room or sitting room, could be made from an ordinary cot, the size of a single bed. This cot should stand about the height of an ordinary upholstered lounge, and should contain a spring and a hair matress. A very serviceable covering for this could be made of old blue, navy blue, or pink denium, according to taste, which should be the exact size of the lounge, its edges a frill of the same material, deep enough to reach the floor.

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Claretta Nora Avery, a ten year-old Negro girl evangelist, is drawing immense crowds to hear her preach. She has been engaged in this work in the eastern part of the state for the last two months and many persons of both races have been converted by her preaching. She began preaching at Raleigh, N. C., about three months ago but the sentiment was so strong among the Negroes against women, and especially girls preaching, that she had to go to South Carolina At first she preached entirely to Negroes, but as her fame spread abroad the white people commenced to go to hear her, until now her congregations are about equally composed of white and colored.

Social Doings.

Leadville, Colo., Special.

J. H. Bohanan has gone to conference. Mrs. B. C. Chinn left for her home in Denver via Colorado Springs, where she attended the A. M. E. conference that convened in that city on the 11th inst. Misses Mamie Hodges and Maud Chinn, two of our prominent young ladies left here on the 11th for Wilberforce where they will attend school. Mrs. Morae and Mrs. Williams of Grand Junction are in the city visiting relatives and friends. Presented to Mr. Payton, the street commissioner by J. D. Johnson and G. W. Estes a handsome cane. The presentation speech was made by J. H. Sheppard. Others present were C. E. Ferguson and A. A. Young. J W. Young is expected home from Summit county this week. Miss Mollie Nichols contemplates going to Denver soon. Mrs. Guss Dyer of Denver who has been visiting Mrs. J. W. Young, 304 West Sixth street, and her husband at Twin Lakes has returned to her home in Denver. Miss Mamie McLedd has been on the sick list, but is convalescing. Mrs. J. W. Young's sister who is visiting her, expects to take in Grand Junction, Salt Lake, and Ogden before returning to her home in the East. Miss Williams of Grand Junction is so favorably impressed with Leadville that she has decided to remain some time longer. A grand reception was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs George Holcomb 219 East Eleventh street on the evening of the 14th in honor of Mrs. Morae and Miss Williams of Grand Junction. Post master J D. Dohnson has recovered from his recent illness. Mrs. Ellen Ellis of Omaha, who formerly resided in Leadville, has sold her residence on Capital Hill through the agency of Mrs. J. W. Young. George Holcomb has just returned from looking after his mining property. Eugene Wilson, who shot Mrs. Lida Williams and then committed suicide in Yellowside last week, resided in Leadville last year, and only left here some time in the later of the spring.

Notes and News.

Waco, Tex., Special.

Rev. J. H, Appell preached at St. James M. E. church Sunday at 3:45 p. m. He opened his sermon by saying "For me to die is to live in Christ forever.' Rev. Comins administered baptism to six converts. Four will be immersed next Sunday. Rev. Shivers, pastor of the Second Baptist church led the march to the Brazos River, over 1,200 people assembled to witness the baptism of twenty persons. Members and friends of St. Paul A. M. E. church were filled with enthusiasm over the discussion, subject: "Which wields the greater force, talk or money," by R. A. Nelson and J. R. Melontree. The programme was rendered for educational purposes. If you want to keep up with the times, if you want to keep up with the race, if you want to keep up with the world call on Charles Carroll and get a Freeman. St. Paul A. M. E. church gave an entertainment Monday night for the benefit of the educational work at Paul Quinn College, which begins its work October 1st, '95.

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CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

—We solicit your job work.

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Cnas. Ferguson has returned to the city.

—Be at the Second Baptist church Oct. 3rd.

Mrs. Laura Wise of East Miami street is indisposed.

—Grant H. Clay, dentist, 95 North Delaware street.

Henry Washam, of Lexington, Ky., was in the city Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs Ollie McCary spent Sunday in Cincinnati, O.

—Have you tried Dr. Clay's Ideal Tooth Paste? A good thing.

Robert Harper will return to the city from Crawfordsville on the 1st.

Mrs. Al. Henderson has returned from a pleasant trip to Louisville, Ky.

Miss Alice Roberts of Charlottesville, Ind., visited Mrs.Knox several days last week.

Miss Dr. Taylor, of Cincinnati, is visiting Mrs. Sadie Hill on Martindale Avenue.

—The best of talent will render the great spectacular production at Second Baptist church, October 3rd.

Magnificent splendor at the Second Baptist church Oct, 3rd,

—The famous Spectacular at Second Baptist church Oct, 3rd,

—Two Hundred Herculeans in full dress at Second Baptist church Oct, 3rd

Mrs. Ada Modoc has accepted an engagement with H. L. Sanders, 18 Indiana avenue.

Mr. Birney a prominent citizen of DesMoines, Iowa attended the state fair, chaperoned by Dr. Robbins.

—You should see Dr. Clay's roofless plates with patent gold clasps. Next thing to bridge work.

Miss Cora Smith, one of Evansville's leading society ladies, is the guest of Miss Stella Roundtree on W. North street.

Rev. H. H. Harris, of Cincinnati, who accepted the pastorate of Corinthian Baptist church, will conduct services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Also services at 2:30 p. m.

—A Policy in the Lincoln Aid Union Insurance Co., Muncie, Ind., means protection at the lowest possible cost.

Wm. Porter, editor of the Memphis Watchman, who has been in the city visiting his brother, Jake Porter, returned home Tuesday.

R. L. Wallace, father of A. Myrtle Harris of The Freeman, passed through the city Tuesday from Kentucky en route to his home in Monmouth, Ill.

Miss Lydia Dudley, of Springfield, O., returned to her home Tuesday after a pleasant visit with friends.

Miss Mamie B. Smith accompanied by her neice, Miss Mattie Evans, has returned from Louisville, Ky.

—Duretta Dixon, Mrs, Clarence Johnson, Mrs, Ft,Bazel, Will Williamson all in the Herculean Spectacular at Second Baptist church Oct, 3rd,

J. Hale and Howard Dickerson, leading business men of Crawfordsville, attended the fair last week.

—Herculean Republican Club will be at the Second Baptist church Thursday Oct, 3rd, with all its splendor and magnificence, two hundred in evening dress don't miss it,

On last Sunday evening a dinner was given by Mr. James Tandy at the Vendome restaurant. The guests of honor were Misses Anna Dent, Sadie Dent, Allie Wood, Mary Owsley, Mrs. Dent, Wm. Williamson and Robert Moody. Nothing was left undone to mar the eventful affair,all of the delicacies of the season predominating.

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Mrs. N. T. Ward and adopted daughter, with Mrs. Bloomfield are visiting in Bloyd County, Ky.

—Music, dramatic reading, fine costumes at Second Baptist church Oct, 3rd,, by the Herculean Republican Club,

Miss Ada Moredock has returned from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Southern Indiana and Kentucky.

Mrs. C. J. R. Maxey, two children and mother, Mrs. Edna C. Reynolds, have returned to their home after a pleasant visit to Kentucky.

—The regular business man's policy is now issued to colored people at the same rates paid by the whites. Anyone can carry a $1 000 policy.

—Hear Mrs. Katherine Harper and Miss Maud Christy in the famous duet "Silent Night." Oct. 3rd, at Second Baptist church,

Miss Mary Wagner and Miss Ida Wilkins of Terre Haute visited friends in the city.

Mrs. Frank Birney, wife of one of the solid citizens of South Dakota, a lady of rare literary culture and who won much distinction in the fine arts was a guest of Mrs. Wm. Parks during the past week. She will visit points in Indiana and Ohio before returning home.

—Watch these columns for the advertisement of the Herculean entertainment, which will be given in the near future.

Mrs. Ralla Hampton of Brazil, Ind., was in the city last week. She came up from Greenfield where she visited relatives.

—Dawson's famous orchestra will furnish the music for the Spectacular given by the Herculean Republican Club at the Second Baptist church Oct, 3rd, Hear tnem,

Rev. G. W. Hardiman and family of Thorntown, Ind., passed through the city Friday Sept., 20 enroute to Mr. Hardiman's new charge at Spencer, Ind.

—Two hundred Herculeans in evening dress will be visible among the audience at Second Baptist church October 3rd.

—Every head of a family ought to carry at least a $1,000 policy for which see the Lincoln Aid Union agents.

Rev. Frank F. Young of this city, is taking a theological course at the State University, Louisville, Ky.

—Notice bills and read carefully The Freeman, then you can see for yourself what a choice selection of artists will be seen on the stage at Second Baptist church, October 3rd.

—The Spectacular to be given Oct, 3rd, by the Herculean Club at Second Baptist church will be one of the most refined entertainments of the season, Hear John Tolliver in the latest songs of the day,

Benjiman Bagby has resigned his position in the mail service, and with his brother Wallace will open an advertising agency in Chicago.

—Don't forget the date, it is October 3rd, when the great Herculean Spectacular will be given at the Second Baptist church. This is the first production of its kind that has ever been produced in this city.

—Don't fail to attend the grandest event of the season at Second Baptist Church Thursday, Oct, 3rd,, given by the Herculean Republican Club, who is using ever effort to surpass all previous events, Some of the best local alent of the city has been secured,

Sixteen Year Old Boy Lynched.

Shreveport, La., Special.

Turner Bartly, colored, was taken from the North Bound Cotton Belt train about six miles from Shreveport and lynched by a crowd of white men. He was accused of attempting rape on a white girl. Mr. Steave Brown received word that his wife was very sick; he is expecting her home soon. Mrs. Susie Berdsong is in the city from Longview, Tex. Mrs. Emily Johnson, wife of Mr. Aleck Johnson, died on the 15th leaving a husband and three children whose grand mother will take them to Dallas, Tex., with her. Rev. Tennessee Jackson preached at St. James church on the 16th. Miss Carter gave a lecture on the Negro race which was very good. The Epworth League of St. James church on the 15th was entertained by Misses Susie Legardy, reading "The dark side of slavery," followed by Miss Hattie Freeman, "The bright side." Mr. Walter Butler was whipped in the stoer of Bigart and company, by Mr. Jordan of Jordan and Booth. The matter was about some money. Mr. James Cobbs left for Nashville, Tenn., where he will enter school. Prof. Wm. Hicks returned on the 17th from New Orleans and will open the Thirteenth District Baptist Academy on the 30th of Sept. Miss Emma Allen has been very sick. She is stopping at Mr. John H. Patterson's 1036 Cane street. Let everybody that is a friend to himself and the Negro race take The Freeman and keep posted on all that is done among the Negroes. Let us rejoice were the words spoken by the members of St. Matthew's A. M. E. church on last Sunday the 15th inst. The words were used in thankfulness, for from the hand of W. Perrin, Esq., was taken a note of years standing against the church. The members worked faithful and their pastor, Rev. O. J.LeBeouf led them to victory.

The Magnolia City.

Houston, Tex., Special.

Our city has a colored population of twenty thousand. The excursion to Clear Lake resulted in a woman being shot by her old lover It seems that she had a white paramour and was about to take a stroll with him when shot. The writer dropped in the city high school last week, on entering the hall way he met Mrs. Everett, one of Houston's accomplished ladies. She has in charge the Intermediate Department. She will read The Freeman. Another department in charge of Prof. Richardson, the parliamentarian of Houston, the Primary Department its in charge of one of Houston's brightes girls, Miss M. J. Minor, she has the respect of her pupils and is faithful to her duty. The Fifth Grade Department is in charge of Prof. Smith of the State Normal, he is one of Houston's great educators, broad-minded, big-hearted African Methodist. Prof. Smith has been a reader of The Freeman several years, he thinks the colored man who does not read it is not up with the times. The writer here confesses that too much can not be said in praise of him. The high grade proper was next. Principal Atherton was hard at work teaching a class in algebra. His pupils seem very studious. The professor knows and does his work well. Prof. Crawford, an old Wilberforcian has charge of the tenth grade and is doing good work. The school is moving off fairly well. An excursion is on foot for the 16th of October, to run to the Atlanta Exposition. Dr. Stokes of Dallas, Dave Abiner of Sagene, Wilson Hulbet of Houston are the leading spirits in the movement. Stout and Brown are the only colored law firm in the city. Rev. Howard of Wesley Chapel is preparing to have several eminent divines in his pulpit during the coming month. Bishop Lee will preach the second Sunday in next month. The county examination is in progress. Forty teachers are in attendance. The Antioch Baptist members went up in the sanctum sanctorum last Sunday. Sports are beginning to come in from all parts. What about the colored bank?

School Closed—Personals.

Conway, Ark., Special.

Prof. F. H. Brown has just closed a successful term of two months' school in district 39 with much credit to himself and race. A large number was enrolled. The professor is a teacher of much experience and his methods are the latest. Prof. Brown is a graduate of Mississippi's best college. Quite a number of interesting papers were read by pupils; one by Miss Madorah McGee of Georgia, subject, "Education of the Head and Heart," was rendered and had much effect; one by Miss Ophelia Jones, "The Soldiers," also by Miss Essie Allen of South Carolina and Master Richard Smith of North Carolina was delivered. The time passed off pleasantly and all present enjoyed themselves. Mrs. George Steel, our grocery clerk, is one of the best in Conway. She is always found at her place and will meet you with a pleasant smile. Conway has a Daily Light, Geo. Steel, who has charge of the city restaurant at Menty's corner is a hustler B. J. Finney is a good preacher. He takes everything by storm. Mrs. A. C. Hamilton on Front street takes boarders. Rev. M. C. Heard, pastor of Searcy C. M. E. church has returned to his work. Miss Ada Dawson of Tahlequah, I. T, is visiting Conway. Miss Ada is one of the belles. Henry Bowes is at home again from New York. He came sick. Mrs. N. C. Brown, the wife of Prof. Brown, who has been very ill is up again. M.s. Brown is a Missippian; she graduated from the State Normal college in 1890; she also teaches a music class in Conway. The county examination on the 19th and 20th for colored teachers. Jim Robinson was arrested on Aug. 27th for vagrancy; he has given bond and will return. The vagrancy law in Conway has made some of our boys go West. Conway has 200 colored children to be taught, and only one teacher. Can't we have two for this term?

The Wedding of Prominent People.

Battle Creek, Mich., Special.

Mrs. Albert Henderson returned Thursday from a visit with relatives at St. Joseph, Mo. George Purdue returned Friday from Bloomingdale, Mich. A number of colored people spent Sunday, September 15, in Toledo, O., taking advantage of the excursion rates. The Colored Glee club, consisting of Mrs. Robert Kimball, Mrs. Nelson Farmer, Wm. Woodlin and Robert Clark, with Miss Ida Carrothers organist, assisted in the concert given by Merrill Horse Thursday evening, September 19th, at the Independent Congregational church. W. A. Griffin and Dora H. Williams, of this city were united in marriage by Rev. C. R. Brown at Marshall Thursday, September 19. A reception was given at the residence of the brids, 62 Gognac street, the same evening. The couple were the recipients of many useful and beautiful presents. The concert and supper given by the G. A. R. at Liberty hall Friday evening, September 20th, for the benefit of Mr. Charles Tucker was well attended and a neat sum of money was raised. Mr. Tucker is ill with cancer of the stomach and his recovery is despaired of. George Bailey, who has been ill for the past few days is convalescent. The A. M. E. church served dinner and supper at the Y. M. C. A. exposition, Friday, September 26th. It would be well for the colored people to give a concert at the exposition some evening. We doubt not that it would be a success. Mrs. Masterson, wife of Rev. Masterson, has arrived and reports herself as well pleased with her situation.

Notes from Sardis.

Sardis, Miss., Special.

No doubt some of the many readers of your valuable journal will appreciate a note from this unexpected source. We have long been an admirer of your paper, and have used our best efforts to give it a circulation in our little town. Though considerably removed from the great centres of intellect and refinement yet, our people in this section are deeply interested in the progress of the race, and are anxious at all times to hear of anything that pertains to its welfare of the 13th inst., we had the pleasure of a visit from our worthy statesman and champion of the Negro race, the Hon. Jas. Hill of Hinds county. Mr. Hill is traveling over the state in the interest of the Negro department of the great Atlanta Exposition. His many friends were glad to shake the hand of James who shared with them their joys and adversity. Wm. Simmons, a late graduate from the Howard University Law School took the bar examination before Judge Kimbrough. Papers were returned recently with approval, thus entitling him to practice law in all the courts of the state. We are not as yet informed as to where he will hang his shingle. We congratulate Mr. Simmons and wish him much success in his chosen field. We have among us a graduate from the college department of Howard University, D. C. Potts, who is the principal of our Graded School This week he began his third session most flattering prospects success. The The enrollment being greater than for many years. We are doing all in our power to further the best interests of the race in this quarter

NOTICE TO HEIRS, CREDITORS, ETC.

In the matter of the estate of Martha B. Miles, deceased. In the Marion Circuit Court, September Term, 1895.

Notice is hereby given that Gabriel L. Jones administrator of the estate of Martha B. Miles, deceased presented and filled his account and vouchers in final settlement of said estate, and that the same will come up for examination and action of said court on the 27th day of September 1895, at which time all heirs, creditors or legatees of said estate are required to appear in said Court and show cause, if any there be, why said account and vouchers should not be approved. And the heirs of said estate are also hereby required at the same time and placed aforesaid, to appear and make proof of their heirship.

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